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Clear beggars from streets, says Blair

TONY BLAIR has backed the use of aggressive policing tactics against homeless petty criminals as part of a drive to clear the streets of beggars, vagrants and people sleeping rough. The Labour leader has also admitted that he never gives money to beggars. in an interview in this

week's Big Issue, a magazine distributed by the homeless. Mr Blair supported the "zero tolerance" policy practised in New York where the police clamp down hard on aggres-sive beggars, graffiti artists, pickpockets and "squeegee merchants" who loiter at traffic lights waiting to wash car windscreens. A similar scheme is being tested at

King's Cross, London.

Mr Blair also refused to guarantee homeless people the right to register to vote from day centres, and defended Labour's plans to withhold benefit from unemployed people who fail to take up a

angered leftwingers by saying that a Labour government would reclaim the streets from squeegee merchants", and yesterday charities that help the homeless greeted Mr Blair's words with some dismay. John Bird, Editor of The Big Issue, accused the Labour leader of "a cosmetic exercise to swing round Tory voters" and suggested that the interview-was intended to underline new Labour's tough

criminals. The . "zero tolerance" scheme, which clamps down on offences that might previ-"low-profile", has led to a 17 per cent reduction in crime in

approach to crime and

New York. Asked by The Big Issue whether he supported such a policy, Mr Blair replied: "Yes I do. It is important that you say we don't tolerate the small crimes. It. says you don't tolerate the graffiti on the wall."

Mr Blair also indicated that he would like to see as many homeless as possible moved off the streets altogether. They should be "dealt with proper ly, with a roof over their heads" and not shunted from one area to another. But he does not say whether Labour would provide more facilities.

Homeless people could be threatening, and it was important to deal with them, he said. I often drop my kids off at King's Cross for them to take the Tube and it's actually quite a frightening place for people. I'm saying we do have to make our streets safe for poeple," he

"Obviously some people will interpret this in a way which is harsh and unpleasant, but I Jack Straw, the Shadow think the basic principle is Home Secretary, has already here to say, yes it is right to be intolerant of people homeless on the streets. But the way to deal with that is you make



sure that when those people come off the streets that you're doing the other part of the equation. You're providing them with somewhere to go.

Asked whether he gave

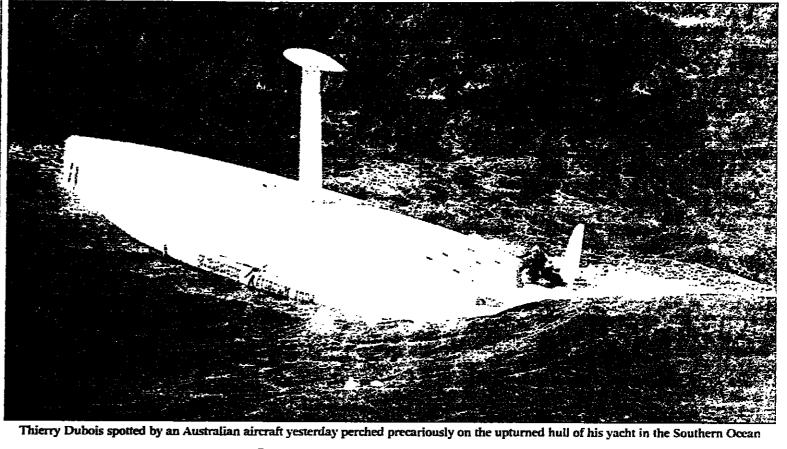
money to beggars he said: "I don't. No. I do buy The Big Issue occasionally, but I don't put that in the same category. Mr Blair said it was appalling that there were young people sleeping in doorways, and that needed to be tackled but "not by saying this is something we tolerate, we give a pound or two to a beggar whenever we feel like it".

Organisations campaigning for the homeless have long demanded legal changes to make it easier for the homeless to vote. But Mr Blair refused to give any guarantees in this direction. He called for clearer guidelines to stop people regis-tering twice, but did not suggest any changes to the law. "Certainly our intention is to review it in such a way so that, as far as possible, we prevent abuses of the system such as people registering in a

number of different locations

at the same time." cautiously to Mr Blair's remarks. Stephen Bromberg, of Crisis, said: "We need to offer people on the street help with their problems rather than simply putting them out of sight, which is what zero tolerance' tends to be about." A spokeswoman for Shelter said she was glad Mr Blair

was addressing the reasons why homelessness exists, but was an unfortunate phrase which suggested that the homeless might be marginalised and alienated even more.



Hopes rise for missing British sailor

BY EDWARD GORMAN AND ROGER MAYNARD

British solo yachısman missing in the Southern Ocean after Australian authorities picked up a new manually activated distress signal seeming to confirm that he is alive. Tony Bullimore, 57, an en-

racing yachtsman from Bristol, was one of two competitors in the Vendee Globe singlehanded non-stop round-theworld race who activated their Sunday, when both yachts were hit by 50-knot winds and heavy seas about 1,400 miles southwest of Perth.

Mahesh Alimchandani of the Maritime Rescue Centre in Canberra, which has organised the rescue operation, said: "A beacon has been activated now in an alarm mode. Prior to all this, the beacon was activated in what is called a normal mode, which immediately suggests that there is someone there who has changed the switch, probably as an indication that 'Hey, I'm here, and don't write me off'. US crime down, page 10 | So we're pretty certain that



Tony Bullimore, left, the British yachtsman who is still unsighted and M Dubois

he's alive." Thierry Dubois, the French skipper, was spotted on the upturned hull of his boat, Pour Amnesty International, by a Royal Australian Air Force plane, which dropped him a liferaft. But there was no sign of Mr Bullimore, who originally got into difficulties about ten miles from M Dubois's

Mr Bullimore's two-masted 60ft racing yacht, Exide Challenger, is believed to be upright, but there is no sign of a

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liferaft. "This could mean that the liferaft has been washed away, or that the British sailor is floating in it." said Colonel Andrew Reynolds of the Australian Defence Forces. "I remain optimistic for him, although obviously he has gone through a lot of trauma."

The priority now is to get to the two men before they are killed by exposure in the freezing conditions. Because they were sailing at the back of the race fleet, there are no other competitors near

enough to help them, and there are no commercial ves-

sels in the area. The families of the two men are pinning their hopes on an Australian naval frigate, HMS Adelaide, which set off from Perth yesterday but will not be within range with its Seahawk helicopter before to-

Lalel, Mr Bullimore's Jamaican-born wife, said that not knowing if her husband had survived was agonising. "I'm obviously very upset. It is all I can do is sit and wait by

His nephew, Stephen Mulvaney, said the past 48 hours had been "absolute hell" for all the family. "But if anyone can survive this, Tony can," he said of the former Royal Marine, who is regarded as cious. We just hope that Tony has decided to stay in the boat and will be picked up when

Conditions in the immediate area of the two vachtsmen. yesterday were still very poor, with winds continuing at nearhurricane force and a very

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Adams warning

Woolwich bonus

More than 25 million members of the Woolwich will receive free shares worth an average of £1,200 if they vote to convert the building society. into a bank. The shares will be priced at between 175p and 200p, putting a market value £2.96 billion and £3.38 __Page 23



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Dutch seek a Euro-truce

By Charles Bremner in Brussels and Arthur Leathley

THE Dutch Government will Major today that Britain's general election campaign will not stand in the way of efforts to reshape the European Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime

Minister, has responded to increasing British resistance to EU changes by making a private meeting with Mr Major his first priority on the day his country formally takes over the presidency. A new treaty taking the EU into the next century is due to be signed in Amsterdam in June. Mr Kok voiced fears yester-

day that plans to change the seek assurances from John European Union could become a "football" during the coming election campaign and he said that he would appeal to Mr Major to take a positive attitude to Europe. However, Mr Major is expected to use tonight's private dinner in The Hague to make clear that Britain will not bow to pressure to agree to a new treaty without receiving assurances over policies that it has

The Prime Minister will repeat his insistence that Europe should back down introduction of a 48-hour working week before Britain co-operates with fundamental changes to the Maastricht treaty. He also plans to underline Britain's opposition to the fisheries policy, which has permitted foreign fleets to raid British stocks by "quota hopping". British officials made plain

last night there would be no softening in Britain's position from the line taken at the Dublin summit last month, when Mr Major insisted that he would not sign up to a new treaty unless he secured Continued on page 2, col 1 | tant to remind the British

Clifford announces anti-Tory vendetta

By JOANNA BALE

MAX CLIFFORD, the publicist who orchestrated the disclosure of allegations that the Conservative MP Jerry Haves had an illegal homosexual affair with a teenager, admitted yesterday that he was waging a "personal vendenta" against the Government.

He said he hoped to bring more sleaze allegations against the Tories before the election, adding: "In a new year and in the run up to a general election, it is impor-

public of the Conservative Party's real values."

He was speaking as members of Mr Hayes's constituency association in Harlow, Essex urged the MP to sue The News of the World over the allegations or resign.

Mr Clifford is a Labour supporter and a longstanding critic of the Government's health policies. He has a severely disabled daughter Continued on page 2, col 4

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Buzz and Elmo toy with 'R' profits

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

SELLING the wrong toy in the wrong place made it a dismal Christmas for Toys R' Us, the world's largest toy chain. While British parents scoured empty shelves for Buzz Lightyear, the dynamic character from the film Toy Story, desperate American parents paid hundreds of dollars on the black market for a fluffy doll from Sesame Street, called Tickle Me Elmo. Meanwhile, Toys'R' Us was left with a surplus of Buzz in America and a glut of Elmo in Britain. Yesterday the company was forced to disappoint investors by announcing no

holiday season. The news caused its shares to slide on Wall Street by \$5.25 (more than £3) to \$25.50.

The company explained away the toy famines as not so much a failure to get the right toys in the right place as an industry swamped by demand. "We thought the dolls would be popular but we didn't anticipate how Buzz would fly out the door in Britain," said Lou Lipschitz, chief financial officer for Toys "R" Us. "It was a problem of manufacturers not being able to gear up fast enough to meet the demand."

The disappointing sales performance by Toys 'R' Us reflects a generally unimpressive Christmas season for most increase in toy sales over the crucial of the American retail industry. Many

companies blamed the late arrival of Thanksgiving last year which cut down the number of shopping days in the intervening days up to Christmas. Mr Lipschitz also said that there had been few very exciting new toys to encourage sales over the holiday season.

However, it seems that despite strong economic conditions in both Britain and America, consumers are still cautious about spending their money. Toy industry executives said they thought many people had been waiting for special price promotions which, in the event, were never offered. Comparing store for store sales with last year. Toys 'R' Us sales did not change in the eight weeks to the end



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Blair accuses Tories of negative tactics in 'all end in tears' campaign

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR accused the Tories of negative advertising yesterday as they launched the first round of a multimillion-pound pre-election publicity campaign. The Lab-our leader said it was sad if the Tories had nothing better to do than spend millions making things up about his

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, unveiled five new advertisements that will be put up on

3,000 poster sites across the country over the next three weeks. Under the title "It Would All End In Tears", the emotive campaign attempts to paint a bleak picture of what the Tories believe life would be like under Labour.

The posters depict people looking unhappy and shedding red tears as they suffer without the Tories in government. The five slogans are "New Labour, New Failure": "New Labour, New Taxes":



Dr Mawhinney unveiling the posters yesterday

New Labour, New Job Losses": "New Labour, New Price Rises"; and "New Lab-

turned out to be hoaxes.

were not injured."

Mr Blair said: "I think it is really sad that the Conservatives have nothing better to do

ever it is on a negative advertising campaign, mak-ing things up about the Labour Party. This country wants to have some chance of hope and opportunity in the future, not just see the parties scrapping with each other in negative advertising."

Dr Mawhinney denied that

the posters were negative and insisted that Labour's policies threatened the economy and the stability and prosperity of millions of families. Tell me what is negative in reminding people that new jobs are being created, that unemployment is falling and taxes are going down, and all that will be put at risk by a Labour Government," he said.

The Tories also published a 28-page dossier, entitled New Labour: It Would All End in Tears, which repeated the Tory charge that Labour has at least 89 spending commitments that ministers claim would cost £30 billion.

Professional reaction to the posters in the advertising industry was mixed. Martin Smith, managing director of

Bartle Bogle Hegarty, said the advertisement was not clear and would raise too many questions in voters'

minds. They were just as likely to assume that the people looking unhappy in the advertisement were living under a Tory Government as a Labour one. He said voters would think, "Things are bad now. Why should I believe that it could be any worse

under Labour?" Mr Smith was also critical of the negative nature of the campaign. "Simply saying the

was not used in them.

Tory MP

will join

rivals for

talks on

reform By Phillip Webster POLITICAL EDITOR

A SENIOR Tory MP yester-

day compromised John Ma-jor's warnings about the constitutional reform plans of

the Opposition parties by an-

nouncing that he was ready to

Hugh Dykes, MP for Har-

row East, said that an all-

party approach could be fully

ustified. In a letter to the

Shadow Home Secretary, Jack

Straw, he accepted an invita-

tion to a meeting of the Liberal

Democrat-Labour joint con-

sultative committee and said

he wished to concentrate on

issues such as voting systems

Mr Major, on a tour of

Yorkshire, shrugged off Mr

Dykes's intervention, saying

that the MP had spoken as an

"independent backbencher".

Labour was delighted. Mr

Straw has been in talks with

Mr Dykes for several months

and they agreed to make

public an exchange of letters.

But the timing of the release,

the day after Mr Major had

hit out fiercely at the Opposi-

tion plans, irritated the Tory

high command. In Leeds the

Prime Minister said that the

Opposition plans could lead to

a social democratic society

"gerrymandering".

Today Mr Major will hold the first of his presidential-

style press conferences at Con-

servative Central Office before

a trip to The Netherlands and

his tour of India and Pakistan.

□The former Tory MP Su

Frederic Bennett says in a

pamphlet that the Govern-

ment risks a rout under the

present "outdated" electoral

system. He tells Tory candi-

dates to recall "the result of the

last general election in Cana-

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past-the-post system".

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Adams says attack on court heralds return to danger

By Nicholas Watt. Chief Ireland Correspondent

night that Northern Ireland faced dangerous times after terrorists fired a grenade at a security post outside Belfast

As the IRA admitted responsibility for the city centre attack, the Sinn Fein president gave a warning that the "genie is now out of the bottle".

An RUC officer was treated in hospital for minor injuries after terrorists in a car launched an improvised grenade at a security hut outside the court. The officer, who dived for cover when he saw the weapon being fired, was protected by the hut's bullet-

Mr Adams said at a press conference in Belfast a few hours after the attack: "The genie in many ways is back out of the bottle. I want to see that rectified. I think we will

O Hoax IRA bomb warnings

Quarter mile

GERRY ADAMS said last still be able, when all of the The IRA also claimed yesternish that Northern Ireland main players focus their attenday that it had left bombs at tion, to bring about a negotiated settlement. In the

meantime we are living once again in dangerous times." After the attack, just after midday yesterday, the terror-

ists abandoned their car in the republican Markets area, close to the court, where they had hijacked the vehicle earlier in the day. Detectives later discovered the remains of the home-made device, which is fired from a 20in launcher from the shoulder, in the burnt-out Ford Mondeo.

This type of grenade has killed scores of police officers and soldiers during the Trou-bles. One of the last police officers to die before the 1994 ceasefire was killed when terrorists fired one at an RUC Land Rover yards from the scene of yesterday's attack.

2 12.05pm: Grenade fired from car at a reinforced police

nation of hard deeds and honeved words won't wash." Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said that the attack was an attempt to provoke loyalist terrorists. Gary Mc-Michael. leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the Ulster Freedom Fighters, accused the IRA of attempting to drag Northern Ireland back to conflict.

forced Sinn Fein's exclusion

from the Stormont talks. He

added: "Let me make it clear

that the blackmailing power of

violence is not going to work.

The familiar terrorist combi-

But Mr McMichael said that the UFF was still committed to its ceasefire. He said: "I have been speaking with the Ulster Freedom Fighters and they have assured me that they remain committed to keeping the peace process alive. However, I think there is a feeling of despondency by the fact that the IRA appear to be intent upon dragging all the people of Northern Ireland back into a conflict situation."



Max Clifford, left, and Paul Stone arriving for a radio interview about their allegations against a Tory MP

Clifford tells of anti-Tory vendetta

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who needs regular hospital treatment for her rheumatoid arthritis. "It is a personal vendetta based on what they have done to the NHS," he said. "The death and suffering they have caused to so many ordinary people in this country is something I have watched with growing despair

and anger. But Labour swiftly disowned Mr Clifford and attacked Conservative MPs for suggesting that it might ap-prove of him. The Colchester North MP, Bernard Jenkin, had challenged Labour to distance itself from the "extremely distasteful" Mr Clifford and Roger Gale. chairman of the Tory backbench media committee,

had said: "We knew this was

going to be a dirty election, but

I don't think that is what the public were expecting from the goodly, Godly Mr Blair."

But a Labour spokesman The suggestion from said: Tory MPs that the Labour Party in any way approves of Mr Clifford's involvement in this issue shows that they are indulging in gutter politics themselves.

We totally condemn what Mr Clifford has done and the threat that he has made today and will continue to make that clear. Throughout the backto-basics' debacle, the Labour party never once sought to make any political capital out of the many scandals. We have no intention of starting now."

Mr Clifford, whose clients included David Mellor's former lover Antonia de Sancha, announced his vendetta after Paul Stone gave a radio interview about his alleged affair with Mr Hayes. Mr Stone, who was 18 when he met Mr Hayes six years ago, told Talk Radio that he wanted to expose "hypocrisy in West-minster". The effect of his claims on Mr Hayes's wife and two children and on the Conservative Party "were not

the major issues". Mr Stone said that he had given the Harlow MP an ultimatum to leave his wife, "but he said to me basically 'For the sake of my career. can't leave my wife'.

Mr Hayes, who has been married for 17 years, has denied Mr Stone's allegations, but senior members of his constituency association said yesterday that they would find it hard to believe the denials unless he issued a writ. Leslie Atkins, vice-president of the association, said: "If I was him, the first thing-I would do would be to take a writ out and sue. If he declines to do this, I would judge my assessment of the situation on that. I would have doubts that he was telling the truth. If we came to the conclusion that he had this affair, then we would ask him to resign."

ation member and former treasurer, said: "I still hope it's not true, but if, after talking to him, we decide that it is, then he should resign. I also feel strongly that if illegal acts have taken place then he should be prosecuted. The legal age of consent for homosexuals was 21 when Mr Stone alleges the affair took place. Mr Hayes and his family

yesterday.

Philip. Weales, an associwere at a secret location

way of advertising." Simon Clemmow, planning director of Simons Palmer. liked the slogan "It Will All End in Tears". Like the Tony Blair "demon eyes" campaign, it captured something that people felt. "You are preying on the fears about what will happen after the election," he said. But he believed most people would not understand why the posters contained a red tear if the "It Will All End In Tears" line

Park Avenue Stormont Hotel

3 12.30pm: Car found burning in Stewart Street 10.30am: Black Ford Mondeo car hijacked in Stansfield Street in republican Markets area

EU truce

Continued from page 1 satisfaction on the 48-hour working week on "quotahopping".
"Our priority is to campaign

for Britain's interests within Europe and we will continue to do that." a senior aide said. The two leaders are con-

scious that relations between the two countries may become increasingly strained during a general election campaign that coincides with a presidency held by one of the most integrationist EU nations.

Dutch leaders yesterday made clear their nervousness over Britain's stance in the coming months, during which they hope to secure agreement on wide-ranging changes to bring about a more flexible union. The Dutch indicated that Britain represented the biggest headache in a presidency that faces the task of producing a new treaty within weeks of the likely British election date.

The EU wants the treaty finished in order to clear the decks for monetary union in two years' time and to allow the start of negotiations with future members from central Europe. Mr Kok emphasised that he was not attempting to interfere in the British general election, mindful of the controversy caused last week when Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, called on Britain to make its European position clear during the elec-

tion campaign. The Dutch presidency will be launched today at a formal meeting with Jacques Santer and the full EU Commission.

Ashdown seeks food-safety monitor as CJD toll hits 15 over jobs report

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

PADDY ASHDOWN called last night for the creation of an independent hody to monitor food safety and dispel a "climate of fear" among consumers after the beef crisis.

The call by the Liberal Democrat leader came as the Department of Health con-firmed that a total of 15 people were so far believed to have fallen victim to a strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease linked to eating BSE-infected beef. The latest is thought to have been Victoria Lowther. 19, a hotelier's daughter from Carlisle, who

November. Mr Ashdown accused the Government of relying too much for scientific guidance on advisers with commercial links, and of failing to take prompt precautionary action against risks to health and the environment. Speaking at a dinner at the annual Oxford Farming Conference. Mr Ashdown said: "What we need is a stand-alone. independent commission which. like the Audit Commission. reports to Parliament, not ministers, and is strong enough to fight its corner in

the marketplace. The respon-

sibility for food safety, upon which the farmer and consumer depend, cannot any longer be left to the multinational food processors and the chemical giants and super-

Citing the recent arrival on supermarket shelves of prod-ucts containing genetically engineered soya, but with no mention of that on their labels, Mr Ashdown said consumers, like farmers, were being left powerless amd bewildered. Mr Ashdown said the les-

son of "mad cow" disease,



Victoria Lowther: suspected victim

which was second only to the poll tax as the "worst and most expensive administrative fiasco" in the 17 years of Tory rule, was that farmers had to team up with consumers to win back control of their markets from "the multinationals, the mega-marketeers and the politicians" by demanding more information and tougher safety standards. Labour has said it will set

if it wins power. The Department of Health would not confirm yesterday that the fifteenth CJD case was Miss Lowther, although reports last month suggested her death was caused by the strain, which affects the young. A department spokeswoman said: "We never dis-

up an independent food body

cuss individual cases.' The latest monthly figures show the number of referrals to the national CJD surveillance centre in Edinburgh in 1996 was III to the end of November, the highest since 1990. On past experience, about half will turn out to be genuine CJD cases, mostly of the "sporadic" form, which mainly hits older people and is not linked with beef.

Churches defiant

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH leaders are defying pressure to delay publication of a report that gives warning of the social dangers caused by job insecurity and "humiliatingly low pay*. They say politicians have failed to take the issue seriously.

The churches plan to publish Unemployment and the Future of Work in April, which is likely to coincide with the general election campaign. If the election is brought forward to March, senior Church figures suggest that the report's publication could be brought forward for greatest impact.

The ecumenical report, the result of an 18-month inquiry, will give warning of risks caused by low pay, lack of job security and high unemploy-ment levels. The authors, members of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, criticise the "casualisation" of labour, under which employers have increasingly

offered short-term contracts. The report's timing will add to the growing feeling among ministers that Church leaders are taking an increasingly political stance in the run-up to the general election. Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister, last week com-plained that the Church of England was showing political bias in criticising the Government over moral

The Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, who is leading the unemployment inquiry, set the tone for the report last week by writing: "Top of our nation's agenda ought to be providing proper jobs ... We have become fatalistic, assuming that nothing can be done

about mass unemployment and humiliatingly low pay." Although the Church leaders deny that the report is intended to criticise any particular party, it is expected to counter Tory claims over reduced unemployment levels by questioning the quality of work that jobless people are able to obtain.

A decision on the publication date is to be made next month but a Church of Eng-land figure said: "There is clearly going to be more interest in this subject before the election than afterwards, and there is no point in

Labour consults on plan for preventing strikes

Labour Party leaders are to consult employers bodies. companies and trade unions on measures aimed at preventing and resolving industrial disputes. The move, which comes after informal meetings with a range of business and union leaders, will centre on early conciliation and arbitration, proposals that have found particular

favour, especially with employers. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is already consulting on his proposals to prevent strikes by providing for the courts to decide on a new test of whether strikes are disproportionate in terms of their impact on business and the public.

Banker fined over heroin

A member of the Rothschild banking dynasty-yesterday admitted possession of heroin after Customs officers searched his luggage as he prepared to fly home to Switzerland on Sunday. Benjamin de Rothschild, a millionaire banker, was fined £400 with £50 costs by magistrates in Southampton. The court was told that 8.9 grams of the drug had been found. De Rothschild, 33, is a registered heroin addict

Priest pocketed charity cash

A clergyman who plundered more than £80,000 from church funds, including £40,000 donated by Comic Relief, was jailed for 12 months. The Rev Martyn Davis, 37, stole the money to settle credit-card debts while he was working as a youth officer in the Peterborough diocese. He applied for charity grants for projects but kept the money.

60-mile hunt for hospital bed

A critically ill woman was driven 60 miles by ambulance after two hospitals were unable to find her a bed. Edna Harrison, 54, finally arrived at Hull Royal Infirmary to take up the only available intensive care bed in Yorkshire four hours after she had a heart attack at her home in Leeds. Her condition last night was described as poorly but stable.

Jail siege ends peacefully

A siege at Glenochil prison, Clackmannan, ended peacefully 19 hours after it began when a nurse and a prison officer were released after being taken hostage by three prisoners who reportedly made no demands. In Dublin, six prisoners holding four officers at Mountjoy jail for three days were given supplies of a heroin substitute to calm the situation.

After the freeze, the flood

Flooding caused many schools and large buildings to remain closed after the holiday yesterday. In Devon and Cornwall 60 schools were closed because of frozen or burstpipes. Cambridge Water has been repairing four times the usual number of burst mains. At least 16 people are known to have died as a result of the cold spell. Forecast, page 22



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Roaring Forties are test for the toughest yachtsman

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE Southern Ocean, where Tony Bullimore and Thierry Dubois are fighting for their lives, is one of the

most inhospitable places on Earth. In the Roaring Forties and Furious Fifties, the latitudes that border Antarctica, the winds nearly always blow at gale force and hurricane conditions

are not uncommon. Yachtsmen also have to contend with bitter cold, even in the summer months Paul Standbridge, an interna-

tional racing yachtsman who has intervening land masses, create huge sailed the Southern Ocean five times in Whitbread races, believes the cold will he the biggest danger for the two yachtsmen as they wait for as Australian navy frigate to reach them. People have survived 110 days in the Pacific, but where they are, the cold will kill them. They won't have time to

die of hunger. For yachtsmen, especially singlehanders like Mr Bullimore and M Dubois, the demands of the Southern Ocean are immense. The winds circling the globe, unhindered by

wave formations which also circle without obstruction, except at the notorious Cape Horn where they are squeezed through the narrow gap between the tip of South America and the Antarctic.

Sailing west-to-east, as they were doing, can be exhilarating as boats surf down huge waves with the wind generally behind them. But the risks are high if a boat gets out of control. especially when skippers are asleep and relying on their autopilots. It is not vet known what problems beset Mr

Bullimore's 60ft Exide Challenger and M Dubois's Amnesty International. One explanation is that the boats were rolled by a "rogue wave". a massive wall of water breaking dangerously as it passed underneath the yachts. Mr Standbridge said: "All waves are rogues in those latitudes.*

Another possibility is that one of the yachts may have made an involuntary tack which could result in water ballast, weighing up to five tonnes, moving to the wrong side of the boat which could cause it to be swamped in a rough sea.

Curzon heir to stay in cell until wife is paid

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THE heir to Viscours Scarsdale remained behind bars last night despite agreeing to pay his former wife several hundred thousand pounds.

A judge ordered that Peter Curzon, 47, should remain in custody until the divorce settlement was received by Karen Curzon from the United States, where he now lives. Mr Curzon was arrested on

Friday at a restaurant in Hastings, East Sussex, where he was lunching with his 13year-old daughter, Danielle, over his failure to pay a 1575,000 settlement. At the High Court Family Division yesterday Mrs Curzon, who tipped off the authorities that her husband was back in the country, accepted an undisclosed lump sum.

Although not the full amount, she said afterwards that she was content and would use the money to pay off her overdraft, but she would not begin celebrating until she had the money in her hands. After her former husband was led away, Mrs Curzon said: "It content with the outcome but, given his past history, I will not be celebrating until I see

In the meantime Mr Curzon, who has since remarried, will be held at Charing Cross police station in London, and will be brought before the court again on Friday if the settlement has not been paid. Neither party gave evidence yesterday and Mrs Curzon



Peter Curzon yesterday, and his former wife, Karen

court meant that he should not

retain his freedom. Had he

refused to pay yesterday. Mr Curzon, whose family seat is

Kedleston Hall, in Derby-

shire, faced a six-week jail

He and his first wife, aged

39, met when both worked at

for a car auctioneer in Not-

tinghamshire. She came from

a working-class background

and they married in secret. He

gave up the second-hand car

business after receiving a pri-vate income when Kedleston

Hall was transferred to the

National Trust. Shortly after

their marriage, he quarrelled with his father over the future

of the family seat and the two

Mrs Curzon is also no

longer on speaking terms with

her former hosband. "I would

just like to be able to get on

with the rest of my life now,

**Emaciated** 

have not spoken since.

avoided her husband's sideways glances in the court room. They divorced early last year after 14 years of marriage. The original settlement provided £400,000 for her and £175,000 for their daughter's schooling and cost of her dressage horses. Mother and daughter live at the former family home near Battle in

Christopher Smyth, for Mr Curzon, said the money had has been very stressful. I am been telegraphically transcount. The transaction could take up to 13 days to complete but he hoped it would reach Mrs Curain's solicitors in the

order that Mr Curron should be held until the money arrived. He also sat on Saturday. when he decided that Mr. Curzon's "track record" of

would have been unnecessary. I regret it has come to this," She gave more details about events leading to her former

much earlier and all this

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husband's arrest at the restaurant in Hastings. On learning that he was in the country and wanted to see his daughter, Mrs Curzon applied for a High Court writ over his failure to comply with the previous judgment at Hasnings County Court. It was granted under the rarely used law of Ne exeat regno ("Shall vent him fleeing abroad.

Mrs Curzon provided a photograph and he was seized while having lunch with his daughter. Danielle knew nothing of the carefully planned operation, which invalved choosing a restaurant with large windows so the officials could watch him.

Mrs Curzon said: "I believe when he was arrested Danielle gave him a lecture that if he broke the law then he could expect to be arrested." Her daughter, a promising rider, still had strong feelings for her father, Mrs Curzon said, and had found the case confusing. Asked if she now ever regretted becoming involved with Mr Curzon, she said: "I have got Danielle, so something good came out of it."

Mr Curzon's most renowned forbear was George Curzon, the celebrated Viceroy of India, of whom it was said: "My name is George Nathan-



Lord Scarsdale at the family home, Kedleston Hall, in Derbyshire: "He won't get any more money from me"

### Viscount condemns 'snake-like' son

BY ADRIAN LEE

VISCOUNT Scarsdale made a withering attack on his "snake-like" son yesterday. describing him as a disgrace to the family name and saving it was sad that he would one day inherit the title.

"He is not a decent-minded person." said Lord Scarsdale. "His behaviour is disgusting. I have bent over backwards to help and he has kicked me in the teeth all the way. He will inherit my title - one can't do anything about that - but he

Lord Scarsdale, 72, the 3rd Viscount, 7th Baron and 11th Baronet, can trace his ancestry to 1066, when Robert de Cour-

won't get any more money from me."

aco when, he says. Mr Curron wanted to sell the family seat of Kedleston Hall. built in 1759, so that he could pocket 10 per cent of the proceeds.

"He is not interested in beautiful Kedleston, not in the slightest," said Lord scarsdale, who eventually sold to the National Trust and now lives in one 23room wing. His son received more than El million as settlement and Lord Scarsdale yesterday scoffed at claims that his son had no money. "I know for a fact that he has received several millions from family sources over the past 12 years. He inherited a house from an aunt on the Hyde Park estate. I would say the cash and assets were worth £4 million."

Lord Scarsdale - family motto "Let

said: "He is snake-like in the sense that one never knows what he is up to next. He is underhand and double-dealing. One always hopes that members of one's family - particularly one like ours know how to behave decently."

Lord Scarsdale said he had never met his son's former wife, Karen, but she appeared to be doing what was right. He had not even known about the wedding until after the event. At the time, Mr Curzon was working in the estate office. where the hell he had been and he was saying he had frightful toothache and had been to the dentist. I later discovered that he had gone off that morning and got married. Is that normal behaviour?"

### Children tried to save mother after stabbing

to save their mother's life after she was stabbed repeatedly by a killer at their home. As the attacker fled, Nicole Corless, 10, and her brother Christo-pher, 8, dialled 999 and followed instructions given by an ambulance operator to try an staunch the bleeding. When parametics arrived

they found the children weepher wounds swathed in thick towels just as they had been instructed. However the infuries were too severe. Tracy Codess, 32, died in hospital.

Last night police and ambulance staff praised the children for their presence of mind. The killer had called at their rented, terraced bouse in Bacup, Lancashire, As soon as Mrs Corless opened the frontdoor he rained blows on her, stabbing her several times in the neck and chest. He then

escaped by car.

Detective Chief Superintendent Bill Hacking, head of Lancashire CID, said that Mrs Corless, who was sepa-rated from her hisband; would have had little chance to defend herself in Sunday's murder: This was a particularly frenzied attack. The children saw their mother being brutally stabbed. They shocked and are very traumatised but I can only praise them for doing everything they should have done.
They showed remarkable

TWO children tried valuantly presence of mind for ones so young,"
Alison Wilkinson, 31, the

ambulance controller, said: When the girl came on the line she was clearly distressed. I told her to try to keep calm while arranged for an ambu-lance to go to the scene. I told her to get some clean towels or

"I could hear her brother background and I asked to speak to him while she went for the towels. There was a lot of noise and she put the phone down. I rang back but the line was engaged. I kept trying and I got through. She said asked with the towels and that the police had arrived. I told her she was being a big girl for her mum and her brother. She was very brave."

Upstairs, the children's three-year-old sister, Francesca, slept through the attack. Yesterday they were all being looked after by Harry Pickles, 62. Mrs Corless's father, and his wife Mary, in Bacup. Mr Pickies said: "We are very, very upset but we are sticking together as a family. The children come first now and that's our first and foremost thought. We must see to

A man was arrested yesterday afternoon in Torquay, Devon, and detectives were planning to travel from Lancashire to interview him.



late Paolo Gucci, grandson of the founder of the fashion empire, had been neglected to the point where one had to be destroyed, the RSPCA said yesterday. Inspectors have seized 11

other horses. Two were so weak that they had to be carried into a horse trailer to be taken from the stud farm in West Dussex animal welfare centre.

Ownership of the horses, the stud and adjoining mansion, Normans, has been the subject of a legal dispute between Mr Gucci's widow, Jenny, who is the mother of his daughter Gemma, 13, and his girlfriend Penny Armstrong. the former stud groom who is mother to his two youngest children.

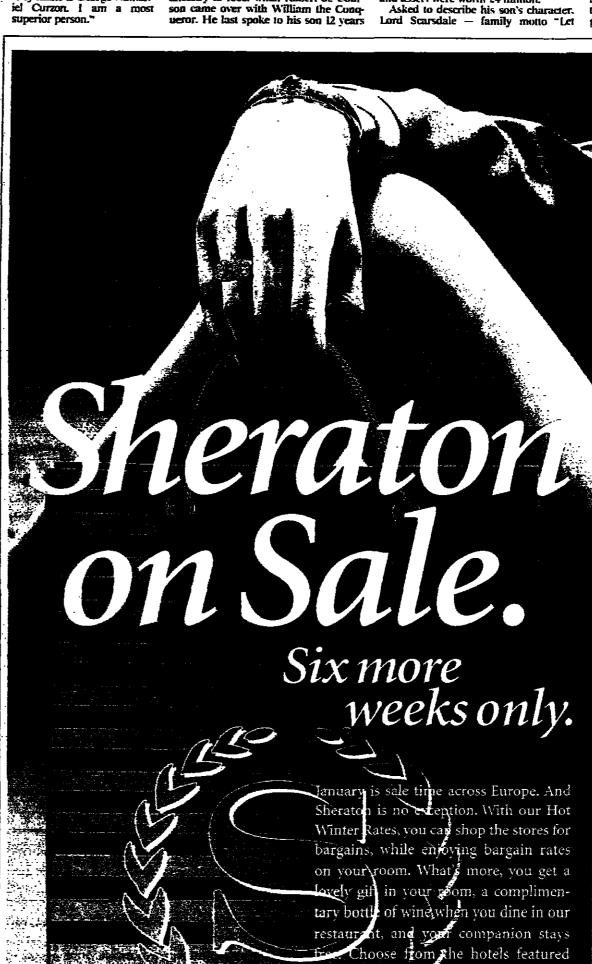
Miss Armstrong, 27, is liv-ing in Normans with her young children and other members of her family and is believed to be in charge of the adjoining stud, Millfield.

Carroll Lamport, the inspector who led the raid, said he was appalled at the state of the horses and the conditions of squalor they were forced to endure. Some had only their droppings as bedding. An unbroken two-year-old

had to be put down. It had suffered malnutrition and worm infestation. The others were in an emaciated state. At least one is thought unlikely to recover. The RSPCA was called to the stud last Thursday after local people found a collapsed horse in a field.

A young Arab horse can be worth from £800 to several thousand pounds. The RSPCA is paying £200 a day to feed the remaining 80-odd horses at the stud. However, it is negotiating with the executors of Mr Gucci's will and the receivers appointed when he filed for bankruptcy in 1993 to meet the cost.

Miss Armstrong was said not to be available at the £2.5 million estate yesterday. Her father, Stephen, said: "We have been told by our lawyers that, for legal reasons, we cannot say anything."



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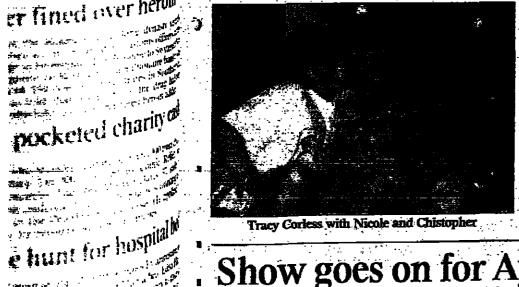
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### Show goes on for Ayckbourn

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

SIR Alan Ayckbourn's love affair with Scarborough, which had shown signs of foundering in a dispute about funding for his theatre, was back on course last night. Councillors agreed to provide an extra £50,000 a year to help the Stephen Joseph Theatre. which has financial troubles just nine months after

The argument was dubbed it was claimed that, if the cash sure and amenities budget."
went to the theatre, the town's He added: "I am delighted

public conveniences would have to close. But there was reassurance for residents after the council voted 359 m favour of funding the theatre.

David Thompson, chairman of the leisure and amenities committee, said: "The money for the theatre will come out of the leisure budget, which has nothing to do with the lavatories. All this will mean is the reallocation "luvvies versus lavvies" after of money throughout the lei-

with the decision. It is crucial that we support culture and the arts at seaside resorts and Scarborough has a tradition of doing so, not just for visitors but for the residents."

Sir Alan said last week The theatre is a kiss of life for the town and we generate ten times more in revenue for the town than we asked for." The theatre is named after

his stage mentor. Ayckbourn plays are traditionally staged first in Scarborough before

# WE MAY HAVE HAD OUR CRITICS, BUT NOW. THE WHOLE MODITY'S BEHIND

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### Branson's balloon hopes fly high as weather clears

PRAYERS were said in Morocco's mosques last night seeking spiritual guidance for Richard Branson on the eve of cumnavigate the globe as a balloon. He was due finally to take off this morning if the skies above Marrakesh re-

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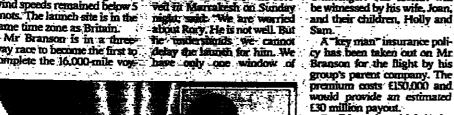
Bad weather, which has repeatedly delayed the expedition, cleared yesterday. Local weathermen gave approval for a launch from Sam onwards, provided that ground wind speeds remained below 5 knots. The launch site is in the ame time zone as Britain.

way race to become the first to riplete the 16,000-mile voye

age non-stop in 18 days. Amer-ican and Belgian craws plan to be in the air at the same time. Only hours before take off, final fitness tests were being carried out on Resy McCar

thy, 35, who was chosen from 1,000 applicants to be the third crew mainter on Virgin Glob-al Challenger. Mr McCarthy, record for sky diving at alti-

ved in Marrakesh on Sunday region said: "We are warried



Confidence is so high in the Virgin camp that Mr Branson yesterday to place a 2500,000 bet at 2-1 on winning the race, which will be fought out at an average altitude of 30,000 feet. Mr Branson an-nounced that he would have donated his winnings to charity but Ladbrokes rejected his

opportunity. But it is Rory's decision. We are not worned

about any risks of infection.

There are far greater risks to

Mr Branson's mission has

for the seventh time. The

hundred-page document.

which he has taken to Moroc-

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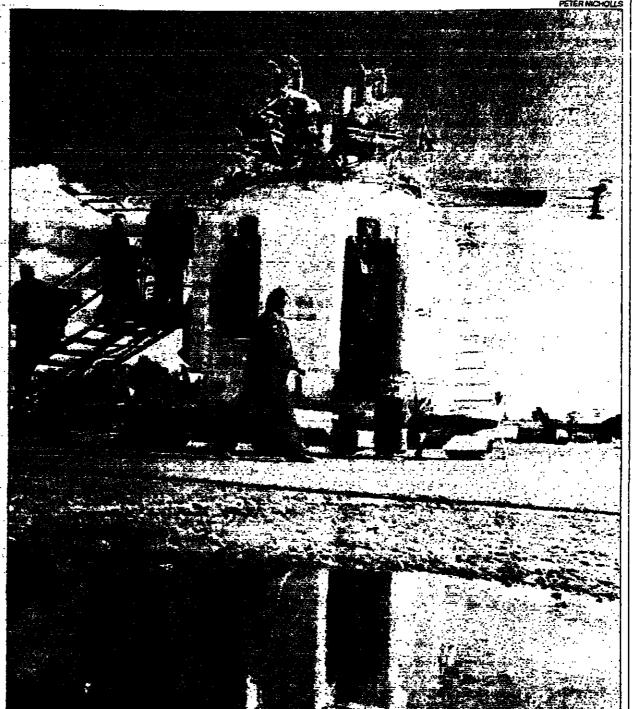
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wager.

Mr Branson said at the launch site, an RAF base at Marrakesh: "We are at the mercy of the wind. The Global Challenger is very much an experimental craft. I know there are dangers. But the lure of completing the world's last great aviation challenge was oo hard to resist."

The Challenger weighs 11.5 tons when loaded, its height of 200ft at take off makes it taller than Nelson's Column, and it will fly at up to 250mph. The balloon was designed by Per Lindstrand, 46, who is the second co-pilot. The three men will take

turns to sleep in eight-hour cycles in the solitary bed in the two-storey capsule. Food-packs have been prepared which avoid high-fibre producis. Champagne and caviare have been included in Mr Branson's hamper.



Final checks being made on Virgin Global Challenger. at take-off it will stand higher than Nelson's Column

LAUNCH COUNTDOWN



5pm: Envelope unfurled at launch site.

8pm; 1.1 million cubic feet of helium gas pumped into balloon. Tuesday January 7 6am: Helium pumping operation complete

6am: Attach capsule to ground launch pad with explosive bolts. 6.30am: Attach balloon envelope to capsule 7am: Attach six propane gas tanks to capsule to provide lighting.

electricity and pressurisation system for capsule 7.30am: Three pilots/enter capsule to begin final sy 8.30am: Planned launch time.

Once helium is pumped into balloon the Virgin Global Challenger has only 72 hours in which it can be launched.



### Christian TV station runs out of cash for 'stoic' staff

By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S first mainstream Christian cable television station is facing collapse before it even reaches the screen after failing to raise sufficient cash from donors and investors.

ARK2, which had promised that it would "feed the human spirit" with quality Christian soaps, char shows and moral debate, confirmed yesterday that all 32 staff at its headquarters in Bristol had been given notice. They were told that the company could not afford to

pay their wages for December. Alan Rogers, a director, said that the company had run up debts and been forced to put its operations on hold. He

added: "The staff are being very stoic about it."

The company, which was created in 1995, raised about £1.8 million from churches, trusts, individuals and Christian businessmen and was scheduled to go un air last October. The launch was post-

poned several times. One of the company's creditors, who asked not to be named, said: "We have done quite a lot of work for them and they owe us quite a lot of

"In this climate of high moral debate, it is ironic that no money could be found to pay for a television station

offering to air that debate." Mr Rogers said he was confident that the company would be able to re-employ its staff and begin running again. The current difficulties had arisen because payment for its first production contract, with

change controls. He said: "That payment is worth £300,000. When it comes through, my hope is that we will be back in business."

a South African station, had

been delayed by foreign-ex-

Mr Rogers blamed internal restructuring and reorg-anisation of leading cable companies for their failure to agree deals with ARK2 but he forecast successful talks before the autumn, when cable television would offer up to 200 channels. He said ARK2 was also actively pursuing con-tracts in Europe.

### Cafe plan in Prince slopes home to TV Mall arch

A RESTAURANT with one of the finest views in London could soon be installed in Admiralty Arch. Roger Free-man, the Public Service Minister, said yesterday that he was extending the search for a new role for the building to include public uses of many kinds.

The issue before ministers is whether the empty arch should be used mainly as public or private sector offices. or be made accessible to the public, including the thousands of tourists who throng Trafalgar Square on one side and The Mall on the other.

The Times has proposed that the space over the arch should become a brasseriestyle case restaurant and Mr Freeman said yesterday: "This is certainly a possibility we are

Derek Humphry's book, Final Exit: The Practicalities of Self-Deliverance and Assisted Suicide for the Dying (article. January 3), has never been banned in the United Kingdom, and has been freely available through book trade channels since 1991.

☐ A report (December 30) referred to unsubstantiated rumours that Imran Khan and his political party in Pakistan, the Movement for Justice, had received substantial campaign funds from his father-in-law, Sir James Goldsmith. Mr Khan has asked us to make clear that he has not received any such financial



BY ALAN HAMILTON

and Camilla Parker Bowles

over his divorce.
The Prince, the newspaper

said, was ready to make a

fresh start and pursue a more

positive life in future. Mention

of the word "relaunch" to his senior aides yesterday caused

ional Exhibition Centre in THE Prince of Wales will. return from his skiing holiday Birmingham, also the venue for the Saturday evening enin Klosters tonight just in time tertainment provided by Gladiators, It has generated to switch on ITV's muchtrumpeted live debate on the future of the monarchy, in which actors from EastEnders curious publicity, possibly ex-plained by its screening in the will trade constitutional nice-ties with a former Rolling Stone. The heir to the throne, dog-end days of the early new year, when nothing much real happens. Yesterday the Daily however, is likely to find better Mirror, freshly revamped as The Mirror, quoted at length an unnamed source on how sorry the Prince was that he . He may have seen that a had let down the Queen, the Princess of Wales, his children

MORI opinion poll conducted for the programme gives him the thumbs down. But he may also note the absence of any serious constitutional experts or supporters of monarchy from the panel: Lord Blake, Vernon Bogdanor and Lord St John of Fawsley have given way to the motor racing commentator Murray Walker, the publicist Max Clifford and the javelin thrower Tessa



Novel formula: Murray Walker and the Prince

There is, nevertheless, a subtle shift in the way the Prince is being sold to his public. He had a good week on the Swiss ski slopes with Prince Harry, and enjoyed an unusually mannerly and civi-lised relationship with the attendant press corps, which left him alone in return for one photo-opportunity each

morning.
The explanation is simple. one seasoned royal reporter said. He's not as interesting as he used to be, especially when he hasn't got Prince William with him. The Prince's relations with

the press remain strained. During a recent nine-day tour of Central Asian republics, he did not exchange a single word with the six reporters who accompanied him.

But there is more to it than that. A new regime is in place at St James's Palace. Now the Prince's public life is directed by Stephen Lamport, his new Foreign Office hand, and Mark Bolland, a new assistant private secretary who understands the wily ways of the media from his previous job as secretary of the Press Complaints Commission.

Staff hope that, with the divorce well out of the way, the media will concentrate on the positive aspects of the Prince's working life. One of his senior aides said yesterday: The Prince's standing in public esteem has declined in the last five years, but if he gets it right in the next five he will recover

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### · The essential guide to gannin' doon toon

BY ROBIN YOUNG

PARTY city, according to the British

Tourist Authority, is Newcastle upon

Tyne. To celebrate the fact, it has published a Geordie phrase book to help

The book, part of UK The Guide, a guish between "bugger off man" (transmagazine aimed at the international lated as "please go away") and "whey ye youth market, starts by explaining that bugger man!" (which foreigners are on Tyneside "aye" means "yes" and asked to accept as the local alternative for visiting foreign tourists: whey aye means "definitely yes". With "good gracious me". languages a phonetics that could prove more of a readers might like to use the guide to in Britain.

then follow explanations for "ho'way construct sentences of their own. "For man" (rendered as "watch what you are example, if contemplating an evening out doing", "wor lass" ("my lady friend") and "wor lad" ("my beau"). "Toon" means Newcastle, and "Toon army" refers to the followers of Newcastle United.

Advance students are taught to distin-

gracious me. I am going into Newcastle to get one too many drinks and find some desirable young lady."

UK The Guide is published in five languages and circulated through all the BTA's offices abroad. It is not available

with friends," UK The Guide suggests helpfully, 'you could say: Whey ye bugger man! I'm gannin' doon toon to get mortal drunk and find some tottie."
This is said to be the equivalent of "Good

### ENO seeks cash for new home, five years after Coliseum handout

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE English National Opera is planning to move out of the London Coliseum and into a new theatre that it hopes to build at a cost of up to £120 million. Eight sites in north, south and west London are being considered.

The company will seek 75 per cent of the costs from the National Lottery, just five years after the Government awarded it £10.5 million to buy the Coliseum's free-bold. Yesterday the Tory MP

sion as an "outrageous breach of faith". As Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he responded to the company's pleas for a special grant on the understanding that it would finance the refurbishment.

Dennis Marks, the company's general director, vigorously defended himself against the suggestion that another London opera house was seeking lottery money just after the Royal Opera House received a £78 million grant. He said that more than a tenth of the English National Opera's regular

South East and that the company hoped eventually to tour. He also rejected the argument that it was less likely to attract audiences to some "god-forsaken" place than to central London.

The decision to move was made after a year-long feasibility study: a new building was seen as they only way to secure the company's future, saving an estimated £1 million in annual running costs. To stay at the Coliseum would mean modernising technical facilities

million, plus "at least" £20 million for relocating the company during the two-year renovation.

The proposed new theatre would have perhaps two auditoriums, one of 2,100 scats for large-scale opera and dance, and a smaller, flexible 900-seater for more intimate productions.

Mr Mellor, whose disillusionment with the company led him to resign from its board two years ago, said: "It is an outrageous breach of faith for the ENO to abandon the Coliseum only five

years after going down on bended be given the freehold. This was done on the understanding that they would find the money for the refurbishment themselves. There has never been any sign that they were able to do so, so it's pie in the sky to think they could raise the matching millions for a new

He added: "ENO has many fundamental artistic problems to confront, not least whether there is a future in an increasingly sophisticated society for opera in English. Artistically, the house is not going through a good period. To try to get the lottery to pay for a new opera house is pure escapism. when they should be tackling these other fundamental problems.

"The Coliseum is a terrific theatre, wonderfully placed in the heart of London with great acous-tics and splendid sight-lines. If they can't fill the Coliseum - and they can't - how on earth could they fill some new white elephant stuck out in King's Cross?"

John Allison, assistant editor of Opera magazine, also expressed

concern about the plans, particu-larly in the light of the controversies over the Royal Opera House and the Cardiff opera house. whose lottery application was reiected. There are lessons to be learnt from the Cardiff experience. The fact that Cardiff didn't succeed suggests had feelings towards an opera house, from tabloid opinion to government. If Cardiff succeeds this time, they will probably do so without the dread word 'opera' in

Richard Morrison page 31

#### Greatest hits albums head Crossover Top 50

### Classical 'easy listening' gets a chart of its own

MUSIC that is neither pure pop nor truly classical was recognised as a genre in its own right yesterday with the publication of the first Top 50 chart of "crossover" albums.

Compilations of favourite classical tunes, film soundtracks and the Three Tenors -José Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti - in concert feature in the new listing, which aims to establish harmony in the music world after discord over the old classical chart. Compiled by Chart Information Network, it includes non-tradiinterpretations of classical works, classical-style soundtracks and compilations of extracts of classical works.

Six of the top ten are compilations by various artists. At No i is an album of arias called the Best Opera Album in the World ... Ever! the latest in a series covering musical genres from punk to love ballads.

cater for classical performers middle-brow and popular per-

Bainbridge

wins second

Whitbread

novel award

By ERICA WAGNER

BERYL BAINBRIDGE has

announced on January 21.

the Whitbread Children's

(S.000, will be announced

the Whitbread Poetry Award

with The Spirit Level, his first

collection since winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in

1995. Heaney, too, has won the prize before, for The Haw Lantern in 1987. Diarmaid

MacCulloch wins the Whit-

bread Biography Award with

John Lanchester's The Debt to

Pleasure wins the Whitbread First Novel Award.

Greng of The Sunday Times,

the writer Josephine Hart and

the author and broadcaster

Professor Lisa Jardine, said that Every Man For Himself.

set aboard the maiden voyage of the Titanic, was "an extraordinary achievement. The dangerous edge of life has

rarely been more sharply de-

lineated." The book was

shortlisted for the 1906 Booker

Prize but lost to Graham

Swift's Last Orders, which, in

a reversal of fortunes, made

Bainbridge said of the news:

"I was told about it a few

weeks ago and had to keep

quiet. But when I heard I felt fantastic." She has already

Also on the novel shortlist

were Mr Clive and Mr Page

by Neil Bartlett, Cocaine

Nights by J. G. Ballard, Aste-

item by Patrick McGrath and

. Worst Fears by Fay Weldon.

the Whitbread shortlist.

started her next novel.

The novel judges. Geordie

Seamus Heamey has won

separately on that date.



formers seeking a more sophisticated market. It also allows customers of traditional classical recordings to study a specialist chart uncluttered by the compilations that currently swamp the market.

Until five years ago it was very easy to know what went into the classical chart. But with the advent of Classic FM there has been a lot of concentration on the more accessible end of the classical market and the traditional classical



market has stagnated," Catherine Pusey, CIN's charts di-rector, said. "The chart was not helping to introduce anyone to traditional classical recordings."

The new chart was conceived after certain work by performers such as the operatic soprano Lesley Garrett, the rock chanteuse Marianne Faithfull and the guitarist John Williams was excluded from the classical chart. Garrett, of the English Nat-

#### **CROSSOVER CHART TOP 10**

| 1 Best Opera Album in the WorldEver!     | Various  |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| 2 The Greatest Classical Movie Album     | Various  |
| 3 The No.1 Classical Album               | Various  |
| 4 Songs of Sanctuary A                   | diemus   |
| 5 100 Popular Classics                   | Various  |
| 6 Something Wonderful Bry                | n Terfei |
| 7 BraveheartLSO                          | /Homer   |
| 8 Best Classical Album in the WorldEver! | Various  |
| 9 A Lasting Inspiration Jacqueline       | du Pré   |
| 10 Classic Hits                          | Various  |



The top-selling CD is a compilation of arias

Faithfull complained when her album of Kurt Weill songs, 20th Century Blues, was kept off the classical chart and Williams was annoyed when his recording John Williams Plays The Movies, mainly comprising film themes but containing an album of classical music, was excluded. Williams is at No 12

venues with repertoire includ-

ing lighter music, found that

her album Soprano In Holly-

wood languished at No 57 in

the pop chart after it was ruled

inelegible for the classical

chart, which it would have

topped. "It was not being

judged against its peers," she said. "Instead I was being

compared to Blur and Oasis,

which made no sense at all."

The album has entered the

crossover chart at No 11.

the crossover chart. Faithfull does not feature. However, the trend towards extracts and compilations looks set to continue to divide the classical music world. Curtis Price, principal of the Royal Academy of Music, welcomes versatility among recording artists but fears that a crossover chart will only encourage the compilation genre to blossom further. "I

> a bad thing. Such an album is like a meal that is nothing but desserts. The real world of music is not like that," he said. Changing his analogy, he added: "These compilation albums are like a drug. If you think opera comprises just the high points you will continue to go for even higher highs

and become addicted to the

hink compilation albums are

lollipops of opera." Leading article, page 17

### FBI gets bogged down by girls' grisly experiments

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

interest the work of three Belfast schoolgirls on the preservation of corpses. The students' experiments include burying dead piglets in bogs. Agents based at the FBI

won the Whithread Novel Award for the second time with her book Every Man For academy in Quantico, Virgin-Himself - nearly 20 years ia, have been in regular teleafter she won it with Injury phone contact with the three Time in 1977. It is one of four A-level science students at the 12,000 category winners, each Dominican College to learn of which will be considered for about their work. They sent the overall 421,000 Whitbread the FBI volume. Detection Book of the Year Prize, to be and Recovery of Human Remains, to assist them. This year, for the first time.

Ciara McGoldrick, Fiona Fraser and Emma McQuillan, all 17, got in touch with the FBI

THE FBI is following with after they had compared the preservation and decay of corpses in bugs and in normal conditions. Miss Fraser said: "I remembered from the Silence of the Lambs film that the FBI academy was in Quantico. So we asked for the number from directory inquiries and were put through to the evidence resnonse team.

They were very helpful." The FBI was keen to hear about the experiments on dead piglets, which involved burying some in bogs and studying others left above ground in a corner of the school garden. A stillborn piglet buried in Co



Donegal in the Irish Republic was perfectly preserved when dug up after six weeks. The teenagers said it had been preserved by a combination of the conditions in the bog and the condition of the animal when it was buried. Because it was stillborn, there was no bacteria in the gut to eat away at the corpse. Another animal.

in the bog.

Miss McGoldrick said: This was a very important finding because all the books on this area say that the conditions of the bog are crucial to the survival of the corpse. But we showed that other factors, such as the state of the corose at the time of buriul, are also important."

which was not stillborn, rotted

The teenagers also uncovered important new evidence about the piglets that were kept above ground. They found that different flies and insects would cat the piglets as they passed through four stages of decay.

The students were inspired by the American thriller The Body Farm, by Patricia Cornwell It tells the story of scientists at the University of Tennessee who investigate the decomposition of bodies in different conditions.



Ahmed Malik and Lisa Potts yesterday. The school has extra fences and alarms

### A heroine's welcome from boy who shared her ordeal

nurse who shielded pupils from a machete attack last summer, was greeted by a three-year-old survivor when she returned to work

yesterday.
Ahmed Malik suffered a 5in gash across his scalp and a fractured skull in the altack at St Luke's Church of England School in Wolverhampton. He was one of three children injured when Horrett Campbell, a paranoid schizophrenic, ran amok with a 2ft

machete in July. Miss Potts, 21, suffered deep wounds to her back. chest and hands, a broken arm and severed tendons in her hands as she tried to shield the children from Campbell's blows. Three other adults were injured in the

Ahmed has been back to



Ahmed in hospital after the machete attack

school already and yesterday the head teacher. Denise Bennett, said she was delighted to welcome Miss Potts back: "We are just glad to have Lisa back with us as part of the team, and look forward to a

from the glare of publicity." last month of seven charges of attempted murder. He is due to be sentenced next month. St Luke's reopened a week after the attack. Fences were set up around the school and

security alarms issued to staff. ☐ Family doctors are employing security guards to deal with violent patients, because of a growing risk of assault. At the St John's Way health centre in Archway, north London, where a GP nearly died from knife wounds in 1995, two guards spend two hours each evening beside the receptionists' counter. Their weekly wages of £80 are paid by the health authority. In Birmingham and Southampton, several surgeries have security guards who escort staff on and off the premises to deter muggers, and to keep

order in the waiting room.

### Dunblane victim's relative fined over shotgun

By Shirley English

THE aunt of a girl killed in the Dunblane massacre informed police that her father had an unlicensed gun when he failed to hand it in during the month-long amnesty that fol-

lowed the killings.

John Crozier, 68, a retired farmworker from Castlecary. central Scotland, was fined £500 yesterday for having a shotgun without a certificate. He admitted the offence

before Falkirk Sheriff Court. The court was told that he. bought the shotgun 40 years ago to shoot magpies but had no ammunition and never obtained a firearms certificate. His grand-daughter, Emma

Crozier, 6, was among the 16 children killed at Dunblane. The offence came to light when his daughter, Morag, handed the bolt-action .410calibre shotgun in to Denny police station, Stirling, prompting an investigation. Police obtained a search warrant but found no other weap-

ons at Crozier's house. He said that he had intended to get a licence and, at first. was unwilling to relinquish the weapon, which had no ammunition. Sarah Livingstone, for the prosecution, said: "He was of the opinion that the farming and rural community still has a need for daughter, because of the upset to the family and what had happened to her niece, was upset with her father because he had not taken advantage of this [amnesty]. She took it upon herself to take the shotgun to the police station."

Crozier told the court that the gun had lain in an old room in the house and had He said he could not explain why he had not handed it in

during the amnesty.
Imposing the £500 fine,
Sheriff Andrew Murphy said: "You can understand the public are rightly concerned about people having any kind of weapon that isn't registered. I would have thought that, in your circumstances, you would have been especially aware of that."

Crozier's son, also called John, became a leading campaigner for a total ban on handguns after the massacre by Thomas Hamilton in March. A drawing by Emma appeared on the cover of the anti-gun Christmas single, Knockin' on Heaven's Door. A total of 22,939 firearms and 695,197 rounds of ammuthe gun amnesty in June.

### Greenwich father accepts school ban

DAVID JENNINGS, the former soldier who allegedly threatened to "do a Dunblane", gave an undertaking in the High Court yesterday not to approach schools or to buy a firearm. It followed an application by Greenwich council for a permanent injunction banning him from council buildings near his home in Abbey Wood, southeast London.

Jennings, 51, who has a firearms

conviction, has made a series of complaints about careworkers looking after four of his ten children. He allegedly made the Dunblane threat to a chaplain at High Point prison, Suffolk, last year and the council won a temporary injunction last week before his release from a 30month sentence for affray.

After a five-minute hearing before a judge in chambers, lawyers for Jennings. the council and the Attorney-General announced that the issue had been resolved by mutual agreement. The indefinite undertaking forbids Jennings from acquiring or carrying a firearm or other offensive weapon, visiting schools or council premises without prior agree-ment, going within 50 to 100 yards of some buildings, and assaulting or threatening staff, pupils or teachers. He can be jailed if he breaches the terms.

Jennings, who declined to comment,

stood outside court in green prison-issue clothes as James Bancroft, his solicitor, read a statement. "Mr Jennings would like to give his absolute assurance to the public that he does not possess dangerous weapons and never intended to cause anxiety to parents in the area, of which he is one himself. However, he feels that this matter has been blown out of all proportion by the London Borough of Greenwich and has resulted in a huge

and unnecessary waste of public money." One school formerly attended by Jennings's children will remain shut when term starts today as workmen fit security measures demanded by parents. Many have refused to send their children back.

### Tests with Alzheimer patients reveal a drug to remember

common yet so disabling that news of any possible treatment causes immediate excitement. The Food and Drug Administration, the American drug-licensing authority, has just approved the use of the drug Aricept for this

Aricept has been tested on 2000 patients worldwide, including trials in Britain. centred on Manchester. The British statistics have still to be analysed but early reports suggest that about half of those given the drug in America showed improvement in

chosen for the test had mild or moderate Alzheimer's. The disease had not reached the stage where their personalities were disintegrating. The only symptom ameliorated by Aricept was forgetfulness. Professor Alistair Burns of

Manchester University, who has been collating the British research, said: "At last, after years of research, this is a potential treatment for one of the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. This is no miracle cure but it is effective in improving the memory of some patients. The drug is

**VI**EDICAL BRIEFING well tolerated, better tolerated than Tancrine."

Seventy-five per cent of cases of dementia in the over-65s are the result of Alzheimer's disease in which intelligent, charming and socially adept persons regress to being forgetful, then suffering short-term severe memory loss, until finally their intellect disintegrates. The patient becomes incoherent, disorientated, deluded, agitated and

Physically, the disease is characterised by the deposition of beta-amyloid in the brain. The basic biochemical characteristic of Alzheimer's disease is a deficiency of the chemical acetylcholinc, which

is a neurotransmitter. Aricept increases the level of acetylcholine by inhibiting the action of cholinesterase, the enzyme that neutralises the neurotransmitter. Thus the level of acetylcholine is to some extent restored to the level found when the patient was in possession of their faculties

Tancrine, which has the same properties as Aricept, was not approved for use in Britain because its benefits to patients were meagre and 20 to 33 per cent of those treated developed hepatitis. Aricept is likely to be expen-

country more than £1 billion a year. If patients could be kept at home longer, not only would they be much happier but the cost of care would be substantially reduced. Although drug treatment for Alzheimer's has been dis-

senile dementia costs the

appointing, one of the ironies of medicine is that two common vices can help to delay its onset. Smokers have a reduced instance of Alzheimer's and there is increasing research evidence that moderate drinkers tend to be rather intellectually sharper in

old age than do abstainers. Research into anti-cholinesterase drugs is not the only line of investigation into the treatment of Aizheimer's. Professor Nancy Rothwell, also at Manchester University, is studying the role of interleukins in brain damage. Her research has shown this may also have relevance in the study of Alzheimer's. She is speaking about her work on Radio 4's Medicine Now at

11.30am today,

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD.

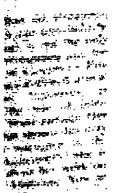
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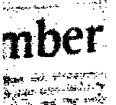
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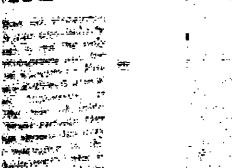
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Results of survey could raise Labour doubts over commitment to abolishing scheme

### Lone parents will be 'worst hit' by ending of assisted places

By John O'Leary, education editor

SINGLE mothers would be among the biggest losers if a Labour government fulfilled the party's pledge to abolish the Assisted Places Scheme. according to research to be published this month.

Preliminary results of a survey in the group of schools with the largest concentration more than a third of those benefiting from the scheme were single parents. Almost the same proportion of the 1,710 families that responded earned less than E10.000 a

Evidence that Labour would be hitting one of the groups where its support is generally strongest will raise fresh doubts about the commitment which provides help with independent school fees for lowincome families.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, has said that no new assisted places would be awarded if Labour won the general election. The savings from the £141 million scheme would be used to reduce class sizes in the first two years of primary school-

ing in the state system. Mr Blunkett underlined the commitment in a speech to the North of England Education Conference in Sheffield at the weekend. He said he agreed with George Walden, the former Tory Education Minister. who decried the scheme as dle-class parents and wrote: There are only two things Places Scheme: the principle and the practice."

Labour would use the money earmarked for assisted places to ensure that no state school pupil under seven was in a class of more than 30. A spokesman said yesterday that 500,000 children would benefit from the switch, compared with the 32,000 receiving subsidised fees.

However, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, says that the savings from the scheme would provide only one extra teacher for every eight schools. Its abolition would deny opportunities to bright children whose parents could not afford the schools of

More than half of the parents in the survey said they

#### THE FIGURES

The Assisted Places Scheme was set up in 1980. Since then up to 100,000 pupils have been helped by the scheme, which costs £120 million a year. In September it was extended from 6,000 to 10,000 places a year. Nearly 40,000 pu-Two fifths of the families involved earn less than £10,000 a year and four fifths receive less than the

had applied to the scheme mainly because they could not afford the independent education they desired for their children In London, a third also cited poor state schools in their area.

The survey was carried out last October in the 26 schools managed by the Girls Public Day School Trust, where almost a quarter of secondary pupils have assisted places. The trust's schools, nearly half of which are in London, account for one in ten of all places in the scheme.

Questionnaires were sent to all 3,000 families whose children had assisted places. More than half replied. A total of 34 per cent of those were divorced or single parents. Almost 90 per cent of all those surveyed said they could not have afforded to educate a daughter independently without an assisted place. Only 2 per cent admitted that they could have

found the money.

Almost two thirds of those responding received at least £3,000 a year from the scheme while four out of ten received the full fees of up to £4,900. Three quarters had sent their daughters to state schools before applying for a subsidised place.

Not surprisingly. 94 per cent of those surveyed supported the retention of the scheme, with another 4 per cent either undecided or refusing to answer. Only 2 per cent supported Labour's policy.



Pamela Hobbs with Louise, a pupil of Birkenhead High School: "She has the intelligence and enthusiasm

### There is no way I could pay a penny

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LOUISE HOBBS could not have attended a leading independent school in northwest England without the Assisted Places Scheme. The scheme covers the annual fee of nearly £4.000 for 15-yearold Louise to study at Birkenhead High School, which came second in the GCSE league table in the Wirral area this

Pamela, her mother, is unemployed with four children and said she could not afford anything towards her daughter's education. The scheme allowed Ms Hobbs to choose between Birkenhead

High and two state girls schools, West Kirby Grammar and Upton Hall, which

also have strong academic records.

Louise passed the entry tests for all three schools and, although West Kirby's GCSE results are only slightly lower than those at Birkenhead High, Ms Hobbs said they chose the school for its better examination results and smaller classes She added: "I have got an older

daughter and I was able to pay for her education because I was in a partnership at the time. There is no way now I could pay a penny. I knew Louise had the intelligence and the enthusiasm to go somewhere like that, but I could not

take nine GCSEs this summer, said: " knew Birkenhead had the best results and they make sure you get the right education. I want to stay on and do three A levels and hopefully go to university.

Dick Davison, deputy director of the
Independent Schools information Service, denied that the Hobbses were misusing the scheme because it was paying for Louise to altern an independent selective school rained than a state grammar. The whole point was that the scheme offered greater choice. He said: "It was never part of the justification that state schools were not good. It was to provide access to a different kind of

### stocking can be shocking to drivers

By TIM JONES

THE two main motoring organisations were at odds resterday over whether huge advertising posters by the roadside displaying the female form can cause drivers to crash.

The spat between the AA and the RAC centres around a 30ft hoarding near the sliproad to the London, which shows a pair of long legs in lace-topped Pretty Polly stockings. The advertisement is one of 300 around the

According to the AA, such posters can be dangerous as they distract motorists when they should be concentrating on the hazards of the road. A spokeswoman said. "Drivers must learn to be disciplined and not allow them [the advertisements] to take up too much of their time. They could be dangerous, but no more so than a lowflying plane or a pretty girl or attractive man walking

That warning was dismissed by Edmund King, of the RAC, who claimed that such distractions could be of benefit to motorists caught in slow-moving traffic or faced with a long journey. He said: To suggest they are dangerous is just barking and an insult to motorists. All our research indicates that drivers benefit from things which improve their

Mr King said that, in Scotland and France, works of art such as sculptures were deliberately placed closed to motorways to help tired drivers to maintain their awareness. He added: "About one in five accidents are caused because of driver fatigue, so these posters are, if anything, an aid to

Drivers, he claimed, were far more liable to changed the station on their car radio than because they glanced at a poster which was in their-

field of vision. A spokeswoman for Pretty Polly said: "We are prompting happy drivers, not dangerous drivers. The poster is not a danger, it: just brings a little fun to

driving."
Similar concerns were expressed over posters that showed a topless model lying on her stomach in a pair of Wolford's Fatal Neon rights.

### Free help at home is a vanishing hope for the disabled and elderly

By DOMINIC KENNEDS SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE chances of free home tor the disabled and elderly is increasingly becoming a lottery depending on where they live, according to a study published today. Only 7 per cent of local authorities still provide free care, compared with 17 per cent two years ago.

Charges range from £1 a week in Hartlepool to £320 in Surrey, the union-funded Labour Research Department says. Eleven local authorities still charge nothing: the London boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Newham. Tower Hamlets and Hammersmith & Fulham; the

and Derbyshire: the metropolitan districts of Manchester and Wolverhampton; and Fife and West Lothian in Scotland. ımorıa trolled by Labour.

Almost two-thirds of the 148 local authorities in Great Britain have a minimum charge for home care, even for people on benefits. Most councils decide charges according to a person's income or the level of service received but there are great variations.

The report in Labour Research magazine says: "Among councils with this system and who charge all users something, minimum charges range from El-a-week in Hartlepool to E5-an-hour in Bury. Maximums range from

colnshire to £320 a week in Surrey." Flat-rate charges. which take no account of ability to pay, are imposed by although some of these still provide free services to people income support or pensions.

Councils are obliged to provide home helps and have been able to charge for them since 1983, although the fees must be reasonably practicable. After Parliament transferred responsibility from the NHS to local authorities in 1990, charging became widespread. Government funding assumes that councils recoup about 10 per cent of the cost. Local authorities that still provide free home care must

find the money elsewhere in services resources for Surrey,

said only one person paid £320 would provide care for at least 40 hours. A means test meant 60 per cent of people in the county received free care. Nine out of ten users were elderly. ☐ Highest maximum weekly charges (with party political control): Surrey (no overall control) £320; Hartlepool (Lab) £92.25; Richmond upon Thames (Lib Dem) £92 (based on £368 per month); Stocktonon-Tees (Lab) £90; Stockport (NOC) £73.13; Scottish Borders (NOC) £67.80; Dorset (Lib Dem) £62; Angus (SNP) £60; Perth & Kinross (SNP)

E60: Liverpool (Lab) E56.

### Revised schools code will stress value of marriage

COMPROMISE on the place of marriage in the proernment advisers.

Recommendations to be put to the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority later this month will insert a point into the "statement of values" emphasising support for the institution of marriage. But a subsequent paragraph will recognise that the love and commitment required for a secure and happy childhood can be found in families of different kinds".

The original statement, drawn up by a 150-strong forum, made no direct mention of marriage, although

the omission would undermine traditional values and five members of the forum ment published late last year.

About half the members of the forum met in London yesterday after extensive testing of opinion among parents, teachers and members of the public. The research showed overwhelming support for the statement, which contained 30 principles for action covering personal issues, society, relationships and the environment. Several amendments to the proposed code were agreed. without difficulty yesterday. Among them was respect for the rule of law.

The issue of marriage con-

as an exploration of the bat-

tle's origins and aftermath.

There are no black actors

playing the roles because we

do not have any in our company. If we did have

if they were the best people for

plack actors I would cast them

Mr Young said he thought

the casting arrangement in-sensitive. "All we have done is

decline to take a booking of

the theatre, which we are well

within our rights to do. We have a lot of multicultural

inclusion in detailed terms. Five forum members refuse to scept the compromise which will be put to Gillian Shephard the Education and

continued to press for its

Employment Secretary, if it is endorsed by the authority. Another recommendation from yesterday's meeting will see the production of model: syllabuses on moral, spiritual and personal education for use in schools. The consultative exercise showed strong demand for courses designed

along the lines of those avail-

able in religious education.

# on last world cruise

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PASSENGERS escaped the thoughts of past voyages and British winter yesterday as the people who have sailed in British winter yesterday as they sailed from Southempton on board Canberra for the liner's last world cruise before being retired after 36 years. The voyage by the liner, dubbed the Great White Whale by the troops she carried during the Falklands War, is her twenty-second world cruise. Rory Smith, 52. her captain who joined the ship as first officer in 1973, said that he expected some tear-jerking moments as the vessel visited some of the world's main ports for the last

time. There are bound to be

her," he said. The 44,907-tonne P&O liner will visit Hong Kong during her 92-night voyage and will leave the harbour as the Chinese New Year celebrations are in full swing. A warm welcome is also expected in Sydney, where Canberra has taken thousands of British

emigrants to a new life. Canberra will return to Southampton for a series of summer cruises before her last voyage next September. P&O has yet to make a decision on



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### All-white Rorke's Drift play banned | Canberra sets sail

By ROBIN YOUNG

AN AMATEUR theatre company has been banned from staging a play based on one of the British Army's most heroa multicultural audience. The company, Dramatis Personae, planned three per-

formances of For Valour, by its playwright-director Nick Sorvell at Portsmouth Arts Centre next month. The play is based on the

defence of the Rorke's Drift mission by a garrison of 137 British soldiers against 4,000 Zulus in 1879. The episode. in which II Victoria Crosses were won, inspired the 1964 film Zulu, starring Michael Caine and Stanley Baker. Mr Scovell has accused

AN OLD seidier has been

reunited with the Indian bat-

man who served him in the

Second World War, thanks to

a faded black and white

photograph. Mike Barrett. a

former corporal in the Royal

Engineers, lost contact with

Kaikho Dalii, his teenage

servant, after he left northeast

India in April 1946. The only

reminder of his iriend was a

photograph of them in their

to join a ten-day Royal British

retired power station engi-

who had pressed his clothes,

The tour coach was sched-

room tidy.

When the opportunity arose

managers at the arts centre, which is run by Hampshire County Council, of "censorship in the name of political correctness". He said yesterday that For Valour was to have been performed by an all-white cast with no "blacking-up" of faces, but that Nick Young, the centre's director, rejected the play as too insensitive for a multicultural

"This is political correctness gone over the top," he said. "It is just censorship. The centre has conceded there is nothing in the script that might be construed as racist, but they still say it might cause

Mr Scovell, 24, who is



the film about the battle studying for a college arts course, added: "The play gives the Zulus a voice, which

users here and we must be

He added that, in his view, the play did not give an adequate account of the issues surrounding the battle or the

### Wartime photo helps old soldier find his batman two children and two step



The photograph that Mike Barrett gave to Kaikho Daili in 1945 brought them together more than 50 years later

Legion trip visiting war graves. Mr Barren, 72, a Mao Song Sung, on the border between the provinces of Assam and Nagaland, where Mr neer, decided to go in the hope Daili worked for him for 18 of meeting again the orderly months while he repaired roads and restored communcleaned his shoes and kept his ications after the attempted Japanese invasion. Mr Barrett showed the picture to local uled to stop for only half an people and asked them if they knew Mr Daili, Some claimed hour in the remote village of

he was dead, but one man rushed off and returned with a 67-year-old villager he said was Mr Daili.

The two men did not at first recognise each other. But any lingering doubts ended when Mr Daili ran back to his home and returned with his faded copy of the same wartime photograph, wrapped in yel-

lowing newspaper. Mr Barrett recognised his own handwrit-ing on the back of the picture he had given to Mr Daili in 1945. The two men had time only for an emotional embrace and a hurried exchange of addresses before the coach left

for its next stop. On his return home. Mr Barrett sent Mr Daili photo-

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graphs of their reunion and a new print of their wartime snap. Mr Daili wrote back before Christmas to wish his old master "love and affection" and enclosed a new photograph of himself in a suit and

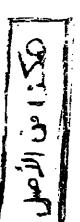
carrying a red cloth, showing his status as a village elder. Mr Barrett, of Thornham, Norfolk, who is married with sons, said yesterday: "We had our photograph taken together when I took Kaikho on a trip to Dimapur in Assam to pick up supplies from a railhead. When we parted in 1946. we said goodbye and I thought I would never see him again." He said that, when he saw Mr Daili, he had no idea if it was him or not "What clinched it was when he went away to find the photograph I 🏶 had given him and I saw my

writing on the back. Seeing

him again was a very touching

moment which I will never Mr Barrett hopes to keep in touch with Mr Daili, who is married with five children He said: "it's amazing that I managed to find him so quickly after so many years. A woman on the trip with me said she had heard of miracles happening and now she has

seen one."



### **Stalemate** in Hebron as deal is struck over observers

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WHILE Dennis Ross, the American negotiator, yesterday launched an intense effort to break the deadlock over Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron, Israeli and Palestinian officials agreed in principle to enlarge an international observer force deployed in the flashpoint West Bank city.

The agreement would tranform a 30-member Norwezian observer team deployed in the city since March into an 180-man force drawn from six nations, officials said. After the failure of Sunday's

secret four-hour summit between Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister. and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority leader. Mr Ross shuttled once again between the two leaders in an increasingly desperate attempt to heal differences.

Last night as he met Mr Arufat in an office at the Church of the Nativity in the autonomous Palestinian town of Bethlehem, both Israeli and Palestinian officials spoke of the possibility of a further

Earlier Israel army radio reported that the American envoy would consider ending his mission if no deal was reached soon, but US officials said they had no indication of any change in Mr Ross's travel plan. According to the radio, Mr Ross was offering Mr Arafat a compromise letter from the United States to accompany the agreement on Hebron — which has itself been almost completed guaranteeing that (srael would carry out the three further redeployments in the West Bank that were laid down in the original peace

After talks with Mr Netanyahu, Mr Ross said he expected to get the two leaders together again, but "I do not know when". Hinting at the failure to break down the suspicion among Palestinians that Mr Netanyahu will renege on further pull-backs once Hebron is evacuated, Mr Ross said: "We have made a Jews in the city.

that Tung Chee-hwa. Hong

Kong's chief executive desig-

nate, should replace Chris

Patten, the Governor, as a

"Strictly speaking the patron should be head of state of

our sovereign nation so I guess it would have to be the

President of China," said Ian

Dubin, a club member who

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than 100 years, the club was

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by Queen Victoria. Last May members voted narrowly to retain the title in a bitter

debate that threatened to di-

Hong Kong Police Force will

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lot of progress. There is not a lot that separates the parties, but there is not an agreement agreement until everything is resolved. And "everything is not resolved." Before a meeting with Mr

Arafat in Bethlehem, one Palestinian official revived charges that Mr Ross was biased towards the Israelis. Israel's respected newspaper Haaretz had quoted Mr Ross and other American officials as saying that Mr Netanyahu was "stretched to the outer limits of his flexibility" and could concede no more.

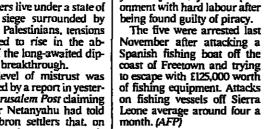
"I am astonished by Dennis Ross's statements which expressed his completely biased disposition." Marwan Kanafani, Mr Arafat's close aide, told Israel radio. "I think these statements harm the

Both Israeli and American officials have accused Egypt of persuading Mr Arafat to hold out for tougher terms on the Hebron deal and its aftermath than Mr Netanyahu can politically afford. One American official told the Tel Aviv paper Yediot Ahronot that Egypt was playing a very problem-

In a further souring of relations. Amr Moussa, Egypt's Foreign Minister. claimed Israel had destroyed "all foundations" of peace between the two countries. "Israel is trying to excuse its procrastination by publicising news on Egypt's involvement." he said.

In Hebron, where 450 Jewish settlers live under a state of virtual siege surrounded by 120.000 Palestinians, tensions continued to rise in the absence of the long-awaited dip-

lomatic breakthrough. The level of mistrust was increased by a report in vesterday's Jerusalem Post claiming that Mr Netanyahu had told the Hebron settlers that, on the day the agreement is signed, they will be granted permission to build on a number of plots belonging to



#### Rebels kill 18

Paris: Muslim guerrillas killed 18 people and wounded attack in Algeria's coastal province of Tipaza, 40 miles west of Algiers, the Algerian security forces said. (Reuter)

Kashmir hijack

Srinagar: Kashmiri separatists kidnapped four Indian Government employees - one a woman - at gunpoint from a vehicle here. None of the state's militant groups claimed responsibility. (AFP)

#### Ice rescue

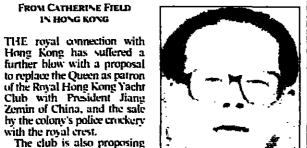
Mineapolis: Brad Lidtke, 30, survived a 15-hour ordeal in temperatures as low as -46C after getting lost in his snow mobile on Lake Winnibigoshish. He was found frozen into the ice. (AP)

#### Veteran killed

Durham: George Beaty Jr., a 100-year-old First World War veteran, was beaten to death with a walking frame by a 77-year-old fellow patient in a hospital in this North Carolina town, police said. (AP)

#### Monkey business

Hanover: A tiny monkey, long thought extinct, has been found in Madagascar, the Hanover veterinary school announced. The monkey. Allocebus trichotis. weight less than three ounces. (AFP)



Snub to Queen by

Hong Kong club

Jiang: proposed as patron of yacht club

auction 4,000 Royal Worcester plates, commemorating its 150th anniversary in 1994. ☐ Howe warning: Lord Howe vesterday warned "the leaders of public opinion" in Hong Kong not to attempt to subvert China. The former Foreign Secretary, who over-saw the British-Chinese Joint Declaration, said that while Hong Kong was entitled to keep its way of life, "the mainland is entitled to say we must remain free of subversion from Hong Kong".

### Kiss of death for sex tourists

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND rundown hotel in the capital. IN BANGKOK

FIVE women and a man have been arrested by Thai police in a sting operation after a spate of fatal and near-fatal druggings in which tourists passed out after licking prostiz tutes nipples.

The gang, say police, has admitted druggings in Pattaya and Bangkok over the past few months, although members deny being involved in about 40 mysterious tourist deaths in Pattaya over the past year. However, police in the resort have been in touch with Bangkok colleagues investigating the heart-attack deaths this week of two Swedes, aged 32 and 35, in a

Amorn Saiyakul, at 19 the youngest prostitute in the gang, has told police about three ways she was taught to administer the knockout drug. "The easiest was to drop the drug in the drink. That usually worked. But if there

was no drink available I could pass it on by placing it under my tongue and very quickly giving the man a deep kiss. "The third way was to rub it on my nipples and let the tourist suck on them. They

took about 20 minutes or so to pass out." Among the gang's victims were three Austrians who slept through Christmas after

being drugged at the Thai

Garden Hotel in Pattaya.

Two months ago an American tourist woke 24 hours after being drugged, also having lost his possessions. He said the last he remembered was sucking on a nipple.

The gang admits robbing two Germans on December 21, a Luxembourg man who lost \$8,000 (£4,790) on December 29, and an Austrian on December 30. The Austrian was kissing a woman when he felt her pass something into his mouth. "She told me it was an aphrodisiac so i swallowed it," he said,

A policeman said: "The Swedes had been drinking but it is beyond coincidence that two men in their thirties should have died simultaneously of heart attacks."



David Mills with his wife Janet, who has become the second person to take her own life under Australia's voluntary euthanasia laws. Last night her husband claimed that his terminally ill wife died happy (Roger Maynard

Mrs Mills, 52, who had been suffering from a rare form of skin cancer, died on January 2 with the aid of a computer-activated syringe which allowed her to self-administer a lethal

Dr Philip Nitschke, right, who devised the apparatus, was present at the death. Mrs Mills's husband thanked Dr Nitschke for helping his wife to die.

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Freetown

pirates get

ten years

Freetown: Five Sierra Leon-

ean soldiers were sentenced

yesterday to ten years' impris-

#### Woman opts for euthanasia

"It's not difficult to say goodbye to someone that you've seen so happy to get her wish after they'd suffered so much," he said.

In a letter written shortly before her death. Mrs Mills said: "I believe that euthanasia is the greatest thing for people who are sick with no chance of getting better.

But news of the second mercy killing in Australia's Northern Territory, legalised last year, brought condemna-tion from the church and medical

The Australian Medical Association said it was not safe for society to have a law which allowed doctors to kill people. Boak Jobbins, the Anglican Dean of Sydney, said he understood the pain and suffering of those watching someone they loved succumb to a terminal illness, but their sickness was a "reality of life that euthanasia seeks to hide from us".

However, Jeff Kennett, the state Premier of Victoria, described Mrs Mills's death as "beautiful".



### Australia pays £58m to silence weapons

AUSTRALIANS have handed in more than 250,000 banned firearms under a buy-back scheme launched after the Port Arthur massacre in April in which 35 people were killed

by a lone gunman.

Daryl Williams, the Attor ney-General, said the weapons - among them military style self-loading rifles and pump-action shotguns -- had been exchanged for almost A\$120 million (£58 million) since May.

Gun owners held mass pro test rallies when laws barring almost all types of semiautomatic weapons were introduced, but opinion polls showed up to 90 per cent support for a crackdown on firearms in the wake of the

Mr Williams said the response to the programme had made Australia a world leader Queensland state, which had previously failed to take part in the progamme, would begin compensating firearm owners and dealers this month, he

There are an estimated four million privately-owned firearms in Australia, a nation of 18 million, but the number of banned guns has been difficult to gauge as most states did not

Martin Bryant was sen-tenced to life imprisonment in November for the Tasmania

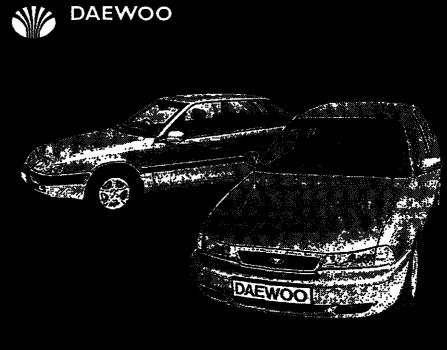


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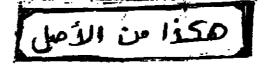
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### Murder rate in America dips for third year

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE number of murders in America dropped by 7 per cent in the first half of last year. continuing a three-year trend. according to the latest nation-

wide survey by the FBI. The figures show that the improvement is driven by a sharp fall in crime in big cities. President Clinton, who made crime-fighting a central plank in his election campaign, de-priving Republicans of one of their most popular themes, said that the figures marked the fifth successive year of falling crime and the longest period of declining crime rates

We are making a difference," the President said. To-day our neighbourhoods are ulation increased by more than 240 per cent to 1.1 million

safer, and we are restoring the American people's confidence that crime can be reduced."

The FBI figures show a three per cent overall fall in reported serious crimes. Burglaries and aggravated as-sault fell by 5 per cent and motor vehicle theft by 4 per cent. Arson, up by 2 per cent, was the only offence to show a

Janet Reno, Attorney General. attributed the falls to "more police on the street, fewer guns in the wrong hands, more prosecutors and more jail cells to keep criminals behind bars". Between 1980 and 1995. the country's total prison pop-

### Car death envoy faces US charges

FROM LAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

friends.

settles libel action

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

THE United States may request a waiver of immunity to prosecute a senior Georgian diplomat whose car was in-volved in a multiple pile-up in which a teenage girl was killed in Washington.

The State Department said yesterday that the case was a serious matter but it was awaiting a report on possible criminal charges before seeking the waiver for Georgi Makharadze, the secondranking official in the Washington embassy of the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

Police said his car sped into Dupont Circle, a major roundabout, and crashed into the back of another car that took off and landed on a third car. before hitting a further two vehicles. Jovianne Waltrick, ló, a front-seat passenger in the third car, was killed.

Police said they believe that speeding and alcohol were factors in the accident last week. An embassy spokesman said, however, that the car was being inspected for brake failure. The episode was the latest a series of incidents in Washington that have raised public concern about the immunity of diplomats. Mr

BRIAN MULRONEY, the for-

mer Canadian Prime Minis-

ter, has settled out of court his

\$C50 million (£21.7 million)

libel action against the Gov-

The Canadian Government

had alleged in a letter to Swiss

authorities that Mr Mulroney

had accepted \$C5 million in

kickbacks in the purchase by

Air Canada of 34 Airbus jets in

The case was to have begun

in Montreal vesterday but an

eleventh-hour agreement was

reached between lawyers from

both sides. Under the terms of

the settlement the Govern-

ernment in Ottawa.

Makharadze, who suffered only minor injuries but was said to be in deep shock, sent a letter of apology to the family of Miss Waltrick. It said: "I cannot express adequately in words my sorrow for having been part of this horrible tragedy or for the pain it causes and will continue to cause to her family and

Under international law, the State Department can ask Georgia to waive immunity. but it would be up to his country to give consent. Eduard Shevardnadze, the President of Georgia, who is keen to retain cordial relations with the United States, hinted that the diplomat might pay some penalty. In a letter of condolence to the girl's family, Mr Shevardnadze said that the diplomat "must bear responsibility for the incident in

accordance with norms". David Richin, the family's lawyer, said the case amounted to murder and there had to be some recourse to justice. "You don't drive 100 miles an hour intoxicated and call it an accident," he said, although no figure for the car's speed had been released by police.

ment is to pay Mr Mulronev's

legal and other expenses

which could reach \$C2 mil-

lion, while the former Prime

Minister has dropped his

Mr Mulroney's lawyers

said his name had been "total-

ly vindicated" and that the

Government had apologised

for any damage to his

Allan Rock, the Justice Min-

ister, said the settlement did

not stop the police investiga-

tion into the Airbus scandal

and the Government had sim-

ply apologised for the wording of the letter.

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prisoners. However, crime experts dispute the Administration's claims that it should take all the credit for the improvement. One of the main factors behind the improvement -- the ageing of the population - owes nothing to politicians' efforts. Compared with a decade ago, there are fewer young men in their late teens, a group disproportionately likely to commit crime.

New policing methods, pio-neered in New York in the 1980s and widely copied by other city mayors, are also thought to have helped. Police have encouraged communities to become more involved and report more crimes, while cities have followed New York's policy of cleaning up graffit and litter in rough neighbourhoods on the theory that orderliness encourages

lawful behaviour.
In New York City, often used as the national benchmark for urban crime, there were 507 murders in the first half of last year compared to 574 in the same period of 1995. New York's own recent survey showed that murders in the whole of 1996 dipped below 1,000 for the first time since

However, the American capital was one of the few blackspots in the FBI survey. Washington, where local government is in a state of crisis. recorded 199 homicides in the first six months compared with 158 during the first half of 1995. The South was the only region of the US to show an overall increase - 3 per cent in reported crime.



Reno: putting more police on street

#### **Ex-Canadian leader** Divorce for disgraced Clinton aide

BY IAN BRODIE

DICK MORRIS, whose affair with a prostitute led to his resignation as President Clinton's top adviser, was dis-traught yesterday by his wife's decision to divorce him.

Eileen McGann, a lawyer, said she knew he was very sad about them going their separate ways after 20 years of marriage, but he was much stronger than five months ago when his disgrace became

In a statement, Mr Morris said: "More than anything else I wanted to stay married to Eileen ... I'm devastated and deeply upset."

Mr Morris has been living apart from his wife and undergoing psychotherapy. There are reports that he and Mr Clinton, who planned political campaigns together off and on for 20 years, still talk frequently by telephone, Mr Morris's book on presidential politics for which he will be paid \$25 million (ELS million) is due out this month.

Mr Morris had hoped his foundering marriage could be rescued, but his year-long affair with Sherry Rowlands, a \$200-an-hour Washington prostitute, was not the only complication in his marriage. He also had an H-year affair with Barbara Jean Piatilin, a Texas estate agent. They have a daughter, now aged six.

A COMMITMENT to im- windowless underground cells given to prisoners. "Someprove harsh conditions in where disease is rampant times we don't let them see the Peruvian prisons could be the because lavatories are holes in sky for days. Very often we only bargaining point that the ground. Convicts are forget to give them food and President Fujimori has left to allowed a glimpse of the sky lots of them just freeze to once a week for half an hour and receive one visitor a

underpants on Sunday. Seemingly troubled, he shouted to police and

pedestrians that he was climbing the

Ansonia Hotel "on the instructions

of God" and was not to be disturbed.

When he fell his arms flailed and

there were gasps from onlookers.

but instead of a sickening thud, his

rapid descent ended in a whoosh

Reform of Peru's 'medieval' jails

offers solution to hostage siege

Police try to persuade Jack Petelui

not to give up his hold on a balcony

at Manhattan's Ansonia Hotel. Mo-

ments later he fell 30 ft from the third

floor. But thanks to a large air bag

which police had inflated on the

pavement, he was unharmed (Quen-

The bag is a state-of-the-art device introduced by anthorities to reduce

the number of fatal leaps by suicidal

New Yorkers. Mr Petelni. 43, had

assure a bloodless end to the

The Tupac Amaru rebels, who still hold 74 hostages in

the Japanese Ambassador's

residence in Lima which they

stormed on December 17, said

they would not let their cap-

tives go until about 400 of

their comrades were released

from "inhuman jails". But

may be prepared to accept a

"Fujimori could commit

himself to improving the ab-

ject conditions in the prisons,

without looking like he is

caving in to the terrorists'

demands." a Western diplo-

mat said. Those prison where

captured rebels are kept are

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tin Letts writes).

month. "The prisons are like coffins. They are no bigger that two metres long and a metre wide, and have very little air," said Francisco Soberon, a human rights activist. "We have reports of systematic torture and it is not unusual for prisoners to disappear, usually in a body

bag," he added. Most of the jailed members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) are kept in the Yanomayo prison on the shores of Lake Titicaca, 3.500 meters above sea level, the highest lake in the world. Here the temperature hardly ever rises above 9C (48F) and is usually well

The high security prison. housing about 500 inmates, is built into the side of a mountain and its tiny cells are windowless caves. I managed to get into this prison two

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA death. But they deserve it -

from the large, inflatable pillow. A surprised Mr Petchu was still bounc-

ing up and down on his back when he was arrested, handcuffed by

police officers and taken away for psychiatric tests. Earlier he entered a

local coffee shop and stripped off to

Berensen, a 27-year-old New

Yorker, who was sentenced to

life in prison 18 months ago by

a military court, made up of judges wearing balactavas.

She admitted being a member

of the rebel group and was accused of taking part in a

foiled attempt to take over the

American authorities have

waged a campaign to have Berensen retried by a civilian

court. She has been allowed

one visit from her mother

Victor Polay Campos, the

Tupac Amaru rebels' leader, is.

held separately in a specially-

built underground bunker at

the naval headquarters in

Callao, just outside Lima. He

was caught in June 1992 and displayed to the media before

being lowered into a cell, inside a cage.

Human rights workers say Polay has had little contact

with the outside world and

spends months on end in total

darkness. "I have seen my son

three times in four years. He is

subjected to inhuman treat-

since she was jailed.

Human rights activists and

congress in 1995.

they are just terrorist," one The most closely guarded inmates at Yanamayo are six members of the Tupac Amaru's central command unit, who have been captured within the past five years, all of them serving life sentences

for treason. Also among them is Lori



### Lights go out for **New York** tycoon

of the building, a 1904 Beaux-Arts

structure which in its time has been

home to Stravinsky, Caruso and Toscamni, among others. His ascent

was aided by the cornices which

Police who arrived early at the

scene kept the shivering Mr Petelui talking for an hour while the 10 ft-

wide safety pillow was transported

from a distant precinct and was inflated. He repeatedly stated that "God told me to climb".

decorate the Ansonia.

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MANHATTAN'S brilliant night skyline will be duller all this week following the death of the 87-year-old property developer Harry Helmsley. The lights on the Empire State Building have been switched off in tribute to Mr Helmsley.

who owned the skyscraper. Within minutes of his death on Sunday night the building was plunged into darkness, signalling to people across the city that its owner had died after a long illness.

The building's lights are nocturnal New York's central decoration, and under Mr Helmsley's instructions were apt to change nightly. On Frank "Blue Eyes" Sinatra's birthday, for instance, they would shine blue while on Independence Day it was red. white and blue. When the Iran höstages returned the lights were yellow, symbolising

yellow ribbons of welcome. There is speculation now about the future ownership of the Empire State office block. Mr Helmsley's widow, Leona, may struggle to maintain Empire State but also of many other chunks of Manhattan which comprised Mr Helmsley's \$1.7 billion (£1 billion) business enterprise. Owner-ship of the Empire State Building is a matter of machismo in New York property circles and Donald Trump. among others, is expected to

make a bid for it. However, for Harry Helmsley, ownership of the building was not enough to secure him a reputation of his own. His public image was formed almost entirely by his law-breaking wife, who was jailed for tax evasion after a trial at which she declared that taxes were only for "little people".

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#### proof of this. Hundreds of ment and is dying slowly," said Otilia Polay, the rebel Fujimori: could offer to improve conditions years ago and guards boasted prisoners accused of "terrorabout the harsh treatment ism" are shut away in tiny. leader's mother. Chrysler heads race for hydrogen cars

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT not battery power but fuel former" that turns low octane

A MORE environmentally friendly car powered by hydrogen could be on the market in nine years, one of the world's big automobile mak-ers claimed yesterday.

Fumes from the car, which will be up to 50 per cent more fuel efficient, will be water vapour and carbon dioxide.

The development, announced yesterday at the North American International Auto Show, has been made by Chrysler, America's third largest car maker. It says the answer to cleaning city air is They use a catalyst to react

with hydrogen and oxygen from the air to turn an electric motor and were demonstrated more than 150 years ago in London. But their use as a car power pack has been limited by the size of the cells required and the power delivered.

Neverthless several car makers have been racing to develop light-weight efficient fuel cells to meet American clean-air legislation. The Chrysler version uses a \*re-

petrol into the hydrogen fuel. Some companies envisage vast processing factories to generate hydrogen to be supplied to a network of hydrogen filling stations. But François Castaing, Chrysler's vice-president of vehicle engineering. "We believe hydrogen

gasoline on board vehicles." Dr Gary Acres, a fuel expert at Johnson Matthey in Sonning Common, Berkshire, said yesterday that fuel cell emissions would make smog a

needs to be processed from

Benz, which last year unveiled a fuel cell-powered vehicle that ran on pure hydrogen, is also working on a reformer to generate hydrogen from Critics claim such systems

thing of the past. Daimler-

are no solution because they still rely on petroi

The Union of Concerned Scientists said: The true promise of fuel-cell technology will only be realised through the use of renewable fuels, such as hydrogen, methanol or ethanol."



Huffington: counted cost of dinner for friends



### Washington's diners mourn passing of gravy train

By IAN BRODIE

TIMES are lean along Gueri Gulch. the marble corridors of Congress where lobbyists try to influence members before they vote on legislation. Things are even worse outside on Capitol Hill where at least one restaurant has closed and others are

suffering a serious loss of revenue. The hardships are caused by a weeping ban, just entering its second year, on members of Congress accepting gifts, including invitations to dinner or lunch, at someone else's expense. Some in Congress are beginning to wonder if they have taken the

puritanical ethic too far. Luckily for diplomats, foreign gov-

ernments are not regarded as lobbyists and can carry on entertaining. Sir-John Kerr. Britain's Ambassador, has noticed no falling-off in acceptances for dinners and lunches at his magnificent Lutyens residence.

But elsewhere the draught has been severe. At Le Mistral restaurant two blocks from Congress, the owner, Joseph Alonzo, has seen lunch trade all but vanish. He dismissed 35 staff and opens now only for private parties. At another restaurant, La Colline, revenue fell \$400,000 (£240,000) in the past year. The loss of 10 per cent sales tax on restaurant meals is also a blow to Washington city council, already on its uppers,

Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffing-

ton, a conservative commentator, invited several members of Congress to her mansion for a candlelit dinner of sorrel soup, rack of lamb and sorbet. Next day, she totted up the cost of the ingredients, as requested, and was prepared to bill each guest for their share of the meal, about \$26. None of them paid, after deciding she was a friend and so was exempt from the restrictions, but the episode showed how wary Washington has become.

The restrictions were passed to correct the view that Washington had become a gift-giving Eden where largesse and favours went hand in hand. Gifts of any value were banned for House members. A limit of \$50 was imposed on senators.

Also excluded were the ever-popular golf and skiing trips where corporate benefactors picked up the tab. Lunch and dinner invitations are out unless the host is a relative, personal friend or sponsor of a charitable function.

As rendered by bureaucrats some of the rules are a maze. Complimentary tickets to charities can be accepted. unless they have been bought by a corporation. In that case, says a stern memorandum, members "may not accept the invitation of the corporation's chief executive to sit at his table",

In despair, some members wanted to ease the regulations, but the risk of being seen as favouring a resumption of gift-giving had a chilling effect and the effort collapsed.





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### Whistling protest signals failure of Milosevic regime

their Star Wars outfits can shield President Milosevic from the clatter of protest that carries up to his office.

If is 7.30pm and the start of state television and radio news. Heeding the call of Vuk. Draskovic, the Opposition leader, to block out the regime's media propaganda with a wall of sound, hundreds of thousands in the city are blowing whistles, booting. car horns, setting off fire works, banging pans, drams

anything to produce an

overwhelming noise.

The effect is awasome, a

shrill, defiant cacophony that makes the skin prickle. But it is the noise from looming flats in nearby Banjica that most disturbs the President. There the sound is frenzied. More people, more protest, more noise than elsewhere in the city. And that casts dark shadows into his Christmas Eve. For Banjica is the military quarter and the thousands of angry people there, the officers, soldiers and families of the Yugoslav Army,

the most senior commander. issued a public communique saying: "The army will operate within the constitution so that the current problems will be overcome in a peaceful manner similar to that of democratic countries."

Something is happening in

Belgrade more substantial

command has sought to dis-tance itself. Yesterday, on the Orthodox Church's Christmas

Eve, General Momedo Perísic,

than protests over rigged manicipal elections; Serbs want their share of the political change that swept aside dictatorships across eastern Europe Religion, nationhood. history, war, passion, dark-ness and tragedy, the soul in each Serb is a wild and complex entity. War has played a disproportionate role in shaping the Serb identity.

tion of the most recent bloodshed has jurned full circle to confront the man who began it, and that among those most angry are those most directly

In an ominous signal to the President, the

army last night assured students it would

not intervene as protests enter an eighth week. Anthony Loyd reports in Belgrade

> involved in the fighting.
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> Milosevic led us into war, then lost it and blamed us," says Predrag, a soldier and veteran of action in Croatia and Bosnia. "Serbs have a tradition of lighting for noble causes but to get us to light one another Milosevic played on our worst trait - our sense of nationhood - and the whole thing became a ghastly circle of atrocity and cleansing, sharning us all. We must have been in some kind of

The war seems to be in the mind of every protesting Serb, and it is not merely losing President Milosevic's battle for a Greater Serbia that makes them angry. What did



German soldiers stand guard at a Nato base outside Sarajevo, breaking with a post-Second World War taboo on deploying troops abroad

Milosevic give us?," asked Mr Draskovic rhetorically in an inteview with The Times. Bloodshed, civil war, hatred, tragedy and graves. The protesters you see on the streets now represent the face of the

multi-ethnicity and democra-cy, not the Serbia Milosevic showed the world, the place of deansing and atrocity in which our people shelled cities like Sarajevo, killed prisoners

at Saint Sava's Catheral - a this gale of self-examination the Orthodox Church has joined the protesters. After last night's procession through Belgrade thousands followed the Orthodox Patriach His combined German-French

symbiosis of protest, confesion and contrition. In Sarajevo the first German troops to take part in the Nato-led peace force in Bosnia arrived yesterday to join a brigade. About (20 whiters flew in from their base in Cologne, and were transported to Rajlovae barracks, about seven miles northwest of the

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### Yeltsin kept from defence meeting by 'heavy cold'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday cancelled meetings scheduled for this week complaining of a "heavy coid and a high temperature", and rais-ing fresh doubts about his state of health.

Only a fortnight after he returned to work vowing to reinvigorate his leadership, following a prolonged absence for most of the second half of 1996, the Russian leader was again ordered to rest by his doctors. Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Kreinlin spokesman, emphasised that the current health problems were not connected with President Yeltsin's multiple heart bypass surgery in November. Rather, he insisted, the Russian leader, like other members of his family, had

succumbed to a bout of flu. Aside from the renewed fears raised by President Yeltsin's latest absence from office, his illness may nevertheless prove politically beneficial since it forced the postponement of a potentially stormy meeting of the Defence Council scheduled for tomor-

According to reports in the Russian press, Igor Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister, has threatened to tender his resignation in protest over the inadequate funding for the armed forces in this year's budget and proposed cuts to troop levels. Although the Defence Ministry denied the cluding enlargement, which reports, military sources did would give Moscow huge influence over alliance decisferences exist between Mr ions. (Reuter)

Rodionov, a former general, and Yuri Baturin, the head of the Defence Council, over how to proceed in reforming the armed forces.

A clash between the two

men was widely anticipated at the meeting, which President Yeltsin, as the commander in chief of the military, would have had to settle. For now the decision has been put off, although in the near future the Russian leader will have to tackle the very real crisis facing the impoverished and demoralised 1.5 million-strong

The army, the navy and air force are slowly disintegrating with fresh horror stories every ranks. For instance, many Russian troops who completed their withdrawal from Chechnya at the weekend, have nowhere to live. Entire units, based in the northern Caucasus, are living in subzero temperatures under canvas relying for supplies on the

charity of local farmers.

London: President Yeltsin stepped up his country's opposition to Nato expansion in weekend talks with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, Western diplomatic sources said. They said the Russian leader wanted a legally-binding commitment from the Western alliance to involve Russia in formal consultations with Nato on any issue, in-



President Yeltsin and Viktor Chernomyrdin, right, the Prime Minister, at yesterday's talks on Nato

### French pick over 'sphinx' legacy

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE legacy of François Mitterrand will be thrown into sharp relief tomorrow with a series of grand and solemn events marking the first anniversary of his death, and a contrasting avalanche of books and articles depicting the former President as a deceitful manipulator with an obsessive "Casanova complex".

A year after Mitterrand died from prostate cancer on January 8, France remains deeply intrigued by the enigma of "the sphinx" who ruled the country for 14 years. Mitterrand's posthumous reputation has been tarnished by disclosures that he knew about his illness since taking office, but concealed the truth for more than a decade.

This week Pierre Mauroy, Mitterrand's first Prime Minister, admitted that he had been told of the President's cancer right from the start". In a book published soon after

Mitterrand's death, Claude Gubler, his personal physician, described how his former boss had insisted on secrecy despite a public promise of "openness"

about his health. The book was banned within 24 hours of publication after the Mitterrand family filed a lawsuit claiming invasion of privacy.
While Mitterrand may have been

economical with the truth he was lavish with his affections, according to a new book by Georges-Marc Benamou, the young journalist picked by the President to chronicle his last years. "He was fascinated by Casanova," M

Benamou told France-Soir. "He couldn't go into a bar or restaurant without seeking out the face of a woman, and giving his famous wink. Even suffering from his illness, he had the sharp eye and sure touch of a veteran seducer. He loved women right to the end."

Mitterrand did nothing to hide his adulterous conquests from his wife Danielle, who suffered greatly. M Benamou said.

But while Mitterrand's personal and political morality continue to excite avid speculation, the former President's widow and political supporters are nurtur-

ing the Mitterrand myth. On Thursday, Mme Mitterrand will attend a ceremony in the southwestern town of Jarnac, where her husband was born and is buried. This will be followed by a tribute at Château Chinon in Burgundy where he served as Mayor.

Later this week the Socialist leader's allies, such as Jacques Delors, former President of the European Commission, and foreign dignitaries including President Castro of Cuba, will attend a Unesco seminar entitled "François Mitterrand — Peace and Development". Mitterrand's devotees have pledged to

protect his memory. His personal papers. left to his illegitimate daughter Mazarine, have been deposited at the newly-founded François Mitterrand Institutute. Roland Dumas, a former minister who is now president of the institute, told Le Monde that access to the archives would be granted only to academics or journalists following specific researches", and not "to

### Paris sends more troops to Africa

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE French Government came under attack yesterday for becoming embroiled yet again in the internal affairs of a former African colony as additional troops were dispatched to reinforce French units in the Central African Republic after bloody clashes with army mutineers.

A day after French troops killed at least ten rebels in the capital, Bangui, in reprisal for the killing of two French officers. Lionel Jospin. France's Socialist Opposition leader, warned that the Govemment would get bogged down by acting as the personal guard to the republic's President Patasse.

President Chirac recently declared that France would no longer take unilateral military action in Africa, but militarspokesmen insisted the latest action by French troops in Bangui using helicopter gunships, tanks and armoured personnel carriers amounted to legitimate self-defence. "Our aim is not to put down

the mutineers, our aim is  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ ensure that the Central African Republic can continue its democratic process," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The Defence Ministry meanwhile announced the deployment of 300 additional elite troops to back up the 2.000 French soldiers already in place French troops crushed two

similar army rebellions last April and May.

### **Spymaster Wolf** back in court on kidnap charges

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE brutal espionage war of the 1950s and 1960s will come back today to haunt Markus Wolf, the communist spymaster who faces charges of organising the kidnapping

and beating of agents.

A previous attempt to jail the 73-year-old former East German general in 1993 - he was given a seven-year sentence for treason — was frustrated by the Constitutional Court which ruled that all spies, from East and West Germany, should be treated equally. Since Herr Wolf was spying as an East German citizen for the legally-constituted East German state, it was

deemed unjust to jail him. Now the German prosecutors will try again and in doing so should provide a fascinating insight into the espionage skirmishes of the Cold War. Herr Wolf is charged with ordering the kidnapping and torture of a Stasi agent, Walter Thrane who defected to Austria in the 1960s. He and his wife were lured into a trap in a Vienna. hotel, drugged and beaten and then taken via Prague to East Germany for a secret trial and a ten-year jail term in one of the country's toughest prisons. In an early attempt to compromise Willy Brandt —

ordered the abduction of Christa Trapp from Berlin, according to the indictment to be presented today. Frau Trapp was a translator for the Americans in Berlin and was blackmailed into spying for

East Germany. against Herr Wolf concerns the arrest and torture of Georg Angerer, an East German writer. The writer was supthe Gestapo in Norway and. according to the prosecutors, Herr Wolf wanted Angerer to spent the war in Norwayl was also a Gestapo agent.

Herr Wolf denies the

charges, claiming they amount to persecution by the German authorities. "Even if the allegations were true, they are charges you could bring against almost any intelligence operative in East or West," he claims.

Herr Wolf, who ran East Germany's foreign intelligence agency for 30 years, charges are proved. Since the alleged crimes date from the 1950s and early 1960s, his defence team will be able to argue that they are covered by the statute of limitations.

But if nothing else the trial then an active politician in should dent his image before West Berlin - Herr Wolf also

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### Animal rights protests greet Rome circus

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME .

HUNDREDS of animal rights protesters yesterday tried to disrupt the new year season of one of Europe's ed to using tigers and rhinoc-eroses after a year-long

animal-free" experiment. The protesters were led by the environmental campaigner Marchesa Marina Ripa di Meana, who chanted animal rights slogans from inside a small metal cage outside the entrance to the circus. Despite the protests the

Orfei circus, which has been performing for nearly 200 years, played to packed houses during the Epiphany

Last March, Nando Orfei. the 61-year-old circus owner. oldest circuses when it revert gave in to pressure from ed to using tigers and rinnoc animal rights activists and removed performing animals from his shows, relying on clowns, trapeze artists and strongmen to draw the crowds. But audiences dwindled disastrously, and yesterday Signor Orfei announced that the animals were back, The Marchesa, the Italian "ambassador" of the World

Wildlife Fund, said the metal cage was intended to symbolise the suffering of animals in captivity.

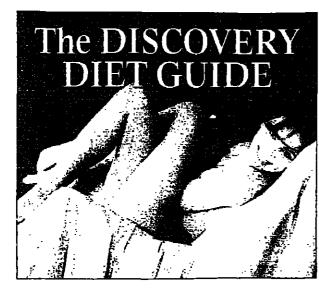
Last year, the Marchesa.

who is known for her colourful lifestyle (she boasts of her many lovers and once published an erotic strip cartoon featuring herself), was ejected from a French Embassy reception after draping a balcony with a banner protesting against nuclear testing in the Pacific. Last March, she posed naked for a series of giant roadside posters to protest against the use of fur in



### Giles Coren investigates unhealthy Western eating habits and Royal Ballet Principal

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#### Continuing our diet guide, we examine problems caused by food that is too acidic

London for advice about your diet, you do not expect to hear good news.

It is a slightly spooky place. Very clean. People with calm smiles hover around, while the shop downstairs sells countless kinds of vitamins and food supplements.

There are no spots in evidence, no slouched shoulders. No one is tense, or tired, or fat. They are not going to recommend red meat claret chips or beer. You know that right from the start.

Peter Bartlett is not however, a particularly forbidding man. He is friendly and avuncular with a an authoritative, "doctorly" way about him. He is not of course a doctor. Otherwise this would he a hospital. Full of fat. sweaty, tense, ill people.

He is an osteopath, naturepath and practitioner in natural therapeutics whose degree was in social science. He is also qualified in McTimoney

But as the annual Christ-

mas eating binge takes its toll on our health. Mr Bartlett is keen to promote another area of his work, a part of his naturopathy that he calls

"pHenomenal Health". The use of pH testing as a measure of a person's digestive physiology — and hence his emotional, mental and physical health generally -has fascinated me for a long time." he says. "I was trying to come up with a catchy name for it, and I thought of this 'pHenomenal' idea.

"In essence it is all about the imbalance of acid and alkali in our bodies, which is a universal problem and the cause of a lot of disease. particularly in the West. It is not widely appreciated because there have not been enough tests, or big enough

test groups.

This is hardly surprising. because doctors are not particularly interested in nutrition - for a long time there was only one hour-long lecture on it in the first three years of a

### Scientific method that promotes positive living

believes the main nutritional problem from which most of us suffer is acidosis. "This occurs when the body is unable to rid itself of excess acids. It can hinder recovery after surgery, for example, and reduce the effectiveness of drugs." he says.

The body is naturally alkali "On the pH scale, blood is 7.4. with a range between 7.35 and 7.45," says Mr Bartlett, "If your blood is outside that scale, you die. So I do not go in for blood testing - if the person is alive, the test will be normal, Instead I use valivaand urine tests, which vary more widely.

"While our bodies are alitali. the activity of our cells produces acid as a by-product. This is converted to carbon dioxide and water and harmlessly expelled through the lungs, if we eat too much acid food, however, the body has to rid itself of the resultant acid wastes, which it cannot do inthe same way. The body has to buffer the acids with alkalis to neutralise them, and this affects the pH level of the cells.

If you are emotionally, mentally, or physically run-down, these buffers will not operate as efficiently as they should. By testing the levels of acidity in your urine and saliva with litmus paper, you

PETER BARTLETT can measure the effectiveness of your body in dealing with acids, and hence the overall health of both your metabolism and your diet."

> Bartlett does not mean foods that have an acidic pH rating such as oranges and lemons. but foods that form an acid "ash" - the residue left after the food has been consumed and metabolised. Acid-ash forming foods are largely proteins whereas alkali-forming foods are normally fruit and

into only carbon, hydrogen or ovygen, whereas protein is a carbohydrate molecule plus phosphates, nitrates and suphates. These end up in the hody as phosphoric, nitric and sulphuricacids, and have to be turned into a salt - which the body does by attaching sodium to them. They can only be expelled as urine or sweat hence the urine and saliva

in our diets

Foods on the acid list range from scallops and oysters through sausages, natmeal. peanuts and flour to all red meats, eggs, honey and corn.

By acid foods, however, Mr

This is because a carbohydrate molecule breaks down

The Western diet is proteinheavy, which is why 80 per cent of us have too much acid

Foods that produce alkaline

TWO people on "normal" diets tested the pH of their saliva on waking in the morning, by licking a strip of litmus paper and matching its colour to a chart provided. Then they are breakfast and retested after two minutes, four minutes and six minutes. This revealed the initial acidity levels in their bodies and how effectively they dealt with the acid content of their breakfast. The ideal readings are as follows: 1st test: 6.S (before eating): 2nd: S.U: 3rd: 7.5: 4th: 6.8. In other words, six minutes after a meal, the pH halance in saliva should

return to its original level. They also tested their urine first thing in the morning. They then are acidic foods for two days and re-tested, to see how their bodies had coped with the diet. The ideal result is 6.1 on the first

urine test and 5.8 after two days. The results were sent to Mr Bartlett who, after diagnosing both tests, commented on their health and gave

dietary advice. available from E.P. L K. 25 New Road. Spalding, Lines PEIi IDQ

ash are mainly plant-derived.

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My Bartlett, they begin with

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DEBORAH BRETT

'I eat quite healthily, I think. For breakfast I eat either raisin oatflakes with semi-skimmed milk, or just a couple of apples. I always have a cup of rea - apparently it aids disception. Around 11:30am, I snack on carrot sticks. Lunch is either a salad or soup. For dinner I have maybe a rice stir-fry or grilled chicken or fish with vegetables. I do love crisps, my fatal flaw."

Saliva tests: 1st: 6.8, 2nd: 7.6. 3rd: 7.0, 4th: 6.8. Lirine tests: Before: 6.0, after 5.8.

Bartlett says: "Both the saliva and urine results indicate her metabolism is under control, and that her bicarhonate and phosphate buffers are working. She has enough alkaline reserve to produce an acid salt. (excreted in the urine) and by returning to her original diet should maintain the original urinary pH 6.0 and salivary pH 6.8."

tal and emotional stress," says

Mr Bartlett. "But that is not

always easy. It is much easier

to change your diet - but the

Mr Bartlett does not, how-

ever. take a disciplinarian

attitude towards the dieting of

his patients. "Rather than

effects take longer to show."

**GILES COREN** 

I never eat anything before lunch. Then I eat an enormous serving of meat, with vegetables only if fried. and wine. I eat chocolate in the afternoon. In the evening I eat out again, applying similar guidelines to my lunch. Occasionally, I eat half a grapefruit on Sunday."

Saliva tests: 1st: 5.8, 2nd: 8.0, 3rd: 7.6, 4th: 6.9. Urine tests: Before: 5.1, after: 5.1.

Bartlett says: "The saliva test begins ten points below optimal, although his reaction to food is normal. This indicates he is consuming too much dietary protein and tends to lose sodium quickly, although his alkaline reserves are still sufficient to counter the acidity created by the food. I would say, that he is not functioning optimally. He would benefit by following the 'transitional (pHase' one)' diet for six weeks before moving on to the 'modified (pHase two)'."

> taking the approach of a conventional doctor and telling my patients what to do. I simply give them the information they need to help themselves." he says. "Restoring the balance nutritionally is something they can do; the emotion al balance comes later."

### AT-A-GLANCE FOOD GUIDE

#### ACIDIC

Dried lentils Sardines Oatmea Corned beef Lobster Peanuts

Haddock Cream crackers Macaroni Spaghetti Peanut butter

Chicken Wheatgerm Brown rice Whole wheat flour Wheat bran Turkey Barley

### **ALKALINE**

Raw Spinach Molasses Celery Dried Fig

Dried Beans Chard leaves Watercress Sauerkraut Lettuce Green Lima beans **Dried Lima Beans** Cabbage

Broccoli Beets Brussels sprouts Green soy beans Cucumbers **Parsnips** 

Radishes Dried peas Cauliflower Pineapple Raisins Dried dates

### Put yourself into neutral for a healthier life

Produce

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that your diet is too. acidic to cope with the external acidifying effects of everyday life you will want to make a change.

First you start the "transi-tional diet (pHase one)". This is a bridge between your normal diet and a new "modi-fied diet (pHase two)". and, ultimately, an "ideal diet (pHase three)".

In it, the patient is not required to give up anything, but to increase vegetable and fruit consumption, eat one niggling injuries if they have vegetable only meal every day, and to add servings of fruit to his normal

As your pH readings improve you can move on to the "modified" diet. This means that breakfast is a meal of just fruit. just starch, such as

and milk' supper should consist of protein salad, yellow squash, cabbage or sunflower seeds.

Foods to avoid at all costs range from coffee, tea, ham and bacon to spagnetti, crackers, and milk. Finally, for the patient

whose urine and saliva pH readings indicate that his body is functioning normally and maintaining an adequate alkali reserve, it is time to move on to the "ideal" diet. This means that 75 per cent of your food should be fruit

and vegetables, of which 30 per cent should be eaten raw, while the other 25 per cent is made up of grains, nuts and seeds, with some meat, fish or poultry if you fancy it," says Peter Rartlett

"I am not trying to make this out as a panacea. It may sound a bit too good to be true as a solution to so many things, but it is all based on biochemistry.

"it is not an exact science, though. You can't count the effect in milligrams - if you had some bad news one day, you could reckon on acidosis the next. And Christmas is a bad time for acidosis. So is summer barbecue time, because of all the protein, and

makes them secrete acid. Another thing that might reduce acidosis would be changing your exercise regime from. say, squash to yoga - a more

alkali-promoting exercise."
It is a long process. It takes three to six months to see a change with nutritional control, though emotional changes can affect things more quickly.

But the positive effects could be marvellous. "Sportsmen are less likely to suffer a more balanced pH," he says. "When Faustino Asprilla did

his hamstring against Metz last year. I could see that it was going to happen because his energy levels were flagging as a result of acidosis.

I'm not saying the trainer should have run on and mouth, but know ledge of the condiwould be

useful. 'Concentration spans are shortening because of acidosis, which is why modern business presentations only last about eight minutes. That could be remedied by the right

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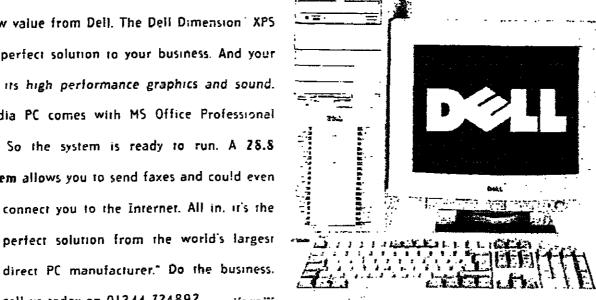
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# Ballet Principal Deborah Bull on the connection between the food we eat and the energy it supplies The diet that changed my life



"It was a question of seeking out the right food at the right time. I was encouraged to see it as an ally"

association with food. My relationship with nutrition, however, does not stretch back quite so far. This may come as a surprise to those who assume that dancers, dependent on copious quantities of energy, are well versed in the merits of the humble potato and the pre-event pasta feast. But the report Fit to Dance, published in October by Dance UK and the Gulbenkian Foundation, was conclusive in its findings that most dancers' diets were poorly balanced, and that they seldom received any nutritional guidance.

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I was no exception, and for the first 12 years of my professional life (there have been in so far) fought a constant battle between maintaining the lean body type that is required in classical ballet, and having enough energy to do the job. It was an uneven struggle, me and my misguided efforts against the conturies old organism that is the human body.

Four years ago, the conflict was resolved when I met Torje Elke, a chartered physiothera-pist, who explained the connection between the food we cat and the energy that it supplies. It was no longer a question of avoiding eating: rather, one of actively seeking out the right food at the right time to enhance my work. I was now encouraged to see it as an ally, as essential in the preparation for performance as choosing the right pointe shoes.

Much of my confusion was embedded in one small word which we liberally employ without much real understanding of its meaning. In any discussion of weight control, we are encouraged from all quarters to cut calories, and this was the route I had always followed in artempts to sustain a sylph-like silhouette. It is widely assumed that the calories present in any foodstuff will indicate how fat we will became if we eat that food. This is not what they tell us. The calorific content is an indicator of the energy supplied by that food. So by reducing the number of calories we take in, we are limiting the amount of energy available to us. As a dancer, I was limiting my ability to do the work required of me.

I might then have reasoned that the more calories I consumed, the more energy I would have, and set about cating as much as possible. Unfortunately, this is only part of the picture, and many failed diets result from incomplete grasp of the facts. All calories are not equal; some are more useful than others, and this depends largely on what you intend to use them for. As the front page of last Friday's Times confirmed in a report of recent research published in the British Medical Journal, it is not the number of calories that matters, but where it is they come from.

WE TAKE in calories from three nutrients; fat, protein and carbohydrates, and also from alcohol. The body needs a certain amount of each (except alcohol) for its healthy functioning. Whereas both carbohydrate and fat can be converted to supply energy, protein is only an energy source in extreme circumstances, and even so it must be converted to glucose first. The body has two distinct systems for the

supply of energy, and they are fuelled in different ways. The aerobic system predomi-nates when the exercise is of low intensity and long duration. It can be fuelled by either carbohydrate or fat, depending on the length of time spent exercising. Fat molecules are big and difficult to break down, and it takes about 20 minutes for the fat-burning cycles to gear up. That is why the type of exercise designed to promote fat loss is often called endurance exercise. For an activity to be fuelled by the body's fat stores it must be of such low intensity that it can be sustained over at least this length of time - brisk walking as opposed to fast and furious running. Once the fires are stoked, the body can go on burning fat almost endlessly. Most of us have more than enough fat stored to fuel a walk from Land's End to John o'Groat's.

The anaerobic system prevails when the activity is of high intensity and is consequently sustainable over a very short period. The only fuel that can supply energy anaerobically is carbohydrate. Almost all dancing is anaerobic short, repeated bursts of high intensity activity where the energy demand is so great and so rapid that there is no time for fat to be broken down and contribute to the supply. To meet this demand, the greatest proportion of a dancer's diet, at least 60 per cent, should be carbohydrate.

But dancers, like much of the population, are still labouring under the Great Protein Myth of the Sixties. We have been educated to see protein as "good" food; even its name translates as "of prime importance". It is certainly true that protein is vital to our health, although not in the quantities we imagine, but it is not true that eating more protein will give us bigger muscles. At the same time, we have been taught to avoid carbohydrates - sugar and starches in the mistaken belief that they are fattening Foods that are high in carbohydrates generally contain no fat. On the other hand, many

steak, beloved fare of the traditional dieter. derives only 40 per acnt of its calories from protein, the rest from fat.

I tried for years to lose weight on a diet that was protein-based, and almost totally lacking in carbuhydrates. In addition to the energy required in a physically active career, the brain requires at least 130 grams of carbohydrate a day to survive. Where they are not available, the body first turns to its protein stores

- its own muscles - as a second-rate fuel source. It is yet another dictary myth that a body deprived of carbohydrates will burn its fat. It does not have the direct mechanisms to do so. As dancing relies entirely on carbohydrates as an energy source, and as it is unable to utilise as a fuel either the protein or the fat. which I was taking in along with it. it is not surprising that I struggled to perform adequately and to control my appearance.

The dietary requirements of a dancer are not very different from those of the normal adult population. As a rough guide, we should all derive about 60 per cent of our calories from carbohydrate, 30 per cent from fat, and 10 per cent from protein, and we should take in enough calories to supply our basic mutritional requirements. No one should try to subsist on fewer than 1,400 calories a day without medical supervision. This means I car large quantities of pasta, bread and other starchy foods, unlimited fruit and vegetables, occasional portions of chicken and fish and I

enhances flavour, and for that reason it is often an ingredient in packaged and processed foods.

The BMJ concluded that this type of low fat,

high carbohydrate diet was superior to the more traditional fixed-calorie diet in maintaining weight, and I have found that my weight has stabilised without any hardship. When this regime is combined with aerobic exercise it provides the perfect game plan for a long-term

reduction in body fat. From my own experience. I can say that I have been neither hungry nor lacking in energy for the past three years, and the struggle to control my weight is now a thing of the past.

Perhaps the greatest indication lies in the fact that I now teach nutrition to the students of the Royal Ballet School. Sound nutrition forms the foundation for physical perfor-mance: it provides the fuel for the work we do and the chemicals for extracting and using the energy within this fuel. I believe that young dancers should enter the profession

armed with this knowledge so that they can make informed decisions about their diet. If I had been told a decade ago that I would conquer my enemy to such an extent that I would end up proselitysing on the subject. I would not have laughed. My despair was so absolute. I think I would have cried.

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A NEW class of foods appearing on supermarket shelves is being touted as the big idea of the future. The "functional foods" include yoghurts, cheeses and fruit juices which contain additives claimed to improve digestion and boost resistance to disease.

However, the absence of controls means consumers who eat a lot of them could be at risk of an overdose.

Newly launched functional foods include Fibor, a fruit juice to which soluble fibre has been added to aid digesfion, and Pact, a spread containing omega-3 fatty ac-ids from fish oil, claimed to help to prevent heart disease. Pact was originally marketed in a heart-shaped box.

Yoghurts containing lactic acid bacteria such as Gaio and LCI are claimed to maintain a healthy balance in the intestine and a biocheese made by the Cheese Company contains a similar called Totus Memoire,

In Finland, a margarine made from wood pulp called Benecol, which is claimed to cut cholesterol levels by 10 per cent, has attracted world-

wide attention. Raisio, the company that makes it, has stepped up its manufacturing capacity and is in discussions with companies in

Europe, the US and Japan. Benecol sells out the minute it hits the shops in Finland, despite costing six times the price of other margarines. However, nutritionists in Britain have given warning that the plant sterols it contains can have harmful effects on some people and are calling for larger trials to check its

Food companies are now investigating additives aimed at raising mental performance, lifting mood and

slowing ageing. In France, a chocolate bar which contains soya phopholipids and vitamins is claimed to boost memory. In Japan, Coca-Cola is marketing a soft drink aimed at adolescents claimed to aid

learning ability. The latest fashion in Japan, where functional foods are widely marketed, is for specially modified sweets which cure

Sales of mint candy, with additives including champignon extract and flavenoids to banish bad breath, have now overtaken chewing gum. With names like Frisk and Air Smash, the total market for anti-halitosis products in Japan is now worth \$170 million a year.

Experts say that we could face the same risk as in the 1950s and 1960s when vitamin D added to infant milks and cod liver oil caused hypercalcaemia in children high levels of calcium in the blood - resulting in damage to the nerves and

muscles. Professor Peter Aggett, head of the department of nutrition at the Institute of Food Research, Norwich, said: "We can't go leaping on mune system there must be a

to these bandwagons. We have to be responsible about it. There are concerns that we could get too much of some of these things. At low doses vitamins are beneficial but at high doses some cause damage. High intakes of fish oil might interfere with the clotting process and cause damage in the cells."

A fish oil supplement sold in the US was called Einstein Junior, Professor Aggett said. "No health claim is made for the product but the implication is that it will boost your child's intellectual development. But there is no evidence that if you go over the optimal level which you should get from a normal diet, it makes any difference."

There was also no evidence to substantiate the claims made for the bacterial cultures in the new functional yoghurts, he said. If something stimulates the im-

way of showing that it is stimulated. Otherwise the consumer is being duped into buying something that Professor Arnold Bender. former head of the depart-ment of food science and

nutrition at Queen Elizabeth College, London, said: Once one manufacturer develops a successful product with soluble fibre others will follow. Suppose soluble fibre is added to all drinks including wine, milk and mineral water. We could get enormous amounts and we don't know the long-term effects. It could cause blockage of the intestine or it might absorb other substances from the gut. We know that dietary fibre mops up iron, calcium and magnesium and removes them from the body.
"The problem is the Gov-

ernment doesn't want to control it. It wants to leave it to the industry. We scientists are cautious about it but the marketing people see it as a wonderful opportunity."

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# The future of the monarchy - is this how the nation should decide?







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The biggest debate on the future of the Royal Family takes place on television tonight. Michael Gove on the importance of public opinion

televised contest in a Birmingham amphitheatre may be an appropriate way for determining the merits of a plucky challenger against Wolf or Hunter on a Saturday evening, but is it a suitable arena for testing the relative strength of

republican and royalist arguments?
Tonight, an audience of 3,000 brought gather in the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre to debate the future of their sovereign. Carlton TV expects Mon-archy — The Nation Decides to reach thousands more whom it hopes will ring in to vote. As a way of deciding between Roundheads and Cavaliers it is more civilised than Marston Moor but some

Monarchists have, in the past, tended to shy away from open conflict with republi-cans. They feared, in the words of Walter Bagehot, the David Starkey of the Victorian age, the dangers of "letting daylight in upon magic". To even engage in debate about the future, or the operation, of the monarchy was not only to infringe its dignity but contribute to its decline. The monarchy depended on mystique and habits of deference to survive which open debate could only erode. To argue with republicans was to get in a wrestling-

match with a chimney-sweep. Although few would subscribe to the High Tory attitude of Evelyn Waugh, who refrained from voting on the ground that he would not presume to instruct his sovereign on her choice of advisers, many of those most ardently attached to the Royal Family are those least inclined to

But the most sophisticated of modern monarchists feel that such an attitude is no longer tenable. An institution may be most vulnerable

when it attempts to adapt but according to Vernon Bog-danor, the history of the British monarchy is the history of adaption". Bogdanor, author of The

Monarchy and the Constitution and an informal adviser to the Prince of Wales maintains, "We have to learn to defend the monarchy in rational terms. In 1956, four years after the Queen's accession, an opinion poll showed that 35 per cent of the population believed that the sovereign had been chosen by God. Now, because of scandal and the spirit of the age the magical monarchy no longer exists, we have to consider practical reasons for keeping the Crown."

The historian John Grigg agrees. "Force of circumstance is such that those who, temperamentally, would have considered it impertinent to intervene in any debate about the Royal Family, who would have been uptight, now feel

moved to speak up." Establishment figures such as Grigg and Bogdanor would never admit it, but part of the reason for their preparedness to fight is the relatively poor quality of Household Cavalier hitherto. Glossy, in every sense of the word, magazine editors, pastel popular novelists and claret tabloid correspondents have, in the past, stepped into the gap created by others' fastidiousness. While republicanism has had academics such as Stephen Haseler, financial authorities like Philip Hall and groundbreaking journalists like Andrew Morton, the royal cause has, by default, been defended by the twee, the tight and the terrible.

Finer feelings aside, there has always been an ostrich tendency within monarchist circles inclined to believe that doing nothing was better than doing anything and the monarchy had no need to win allies or debates. Some of the stiffer courtiers are thorough-going ostriches but neither the Queen nor the Prince of Wales share such an analysis. Both recognise that the monarchy depends upon public support for its survival. They might acknowledge that many of their subjects see a Prince who has lost a wife and not yet found a role. They are sensitive to the need in raucous and populist times to secure public support for their

In the past, republican feeling would be mediated through the London mob and royalist support nurtured by ceremony and sacrament. Now, republican sentiment has been fed by scandal and encouraged by political activists who see

in constitutional reform an outlet for the energies which might once have been directed to barraing the bomb or saving

the whale. The corrosive cocktail of vulgar gossip and not-so-vulgar Marxism which repubroyalists to use modern methods. They are defending an institution which speaks to older values but whose worth endures. Monarchists should regard debates like this evening's as less a threat and more an opportunity. With so many of the voters who were polled by MORE before the debate uncertain what the inbrarchy is any longer for, the principled reasons for its continuance can be made and brought

Monarchists inclined to melancholy by the headline results of the MORI poll which suggest less than half the public expect the institution results when 50 years should take heart from the willing-ness of figures such as John Grigg and

do not have the courage to reveal their levelling instincts but their reluctance is, in itself, an indication of the real strength of republican feeling in the country.

Given that the stuation more than a hundred years ago was arguably more perilous than now the survival of the monarchy should give royalists hope. The elear and present danger to the

monarchy then was met, firstly, by the energy and rhetorical spirit of Distaeli. He appealed above the heads of politi-cials to the Crown as a source of authority. It was unsullied by the sordid nature of the political process with which he, in particular, was so familiar.

spaced revolution and guaranteed stabil-ity because "the wisdom of our forefathers placed the prize of supreme power without the sphere of human passions. Strip away the Victorian grandiloquents and the message is, if anything, even more relevant to our age than Dizzy's. With \$

much of what used to be civil society now the province of the partisan there is an appetite for the independent voice, a yearning for leadership unch cumbered by obligations in faction. With so many institutions, from hospital trusts to Ouestion Time crudely politicised, the public are only too ready to respond to voices which speak with a regard for

pesterity, not party.

The monarchy did not, how ever, rely on others to do all the work when opposition expressed itself in the past Queen Victoria allowed herself to assume the role of focus of imperial loyalty and exerted herself, so far as she was able to give the new sense of British greatness a physical

expression. It was also in Victorias reign that another, increasing ly important, form of roya activity assumed prominence What the historian Frank Prochaska has termed "ale. welfare monachy has roots in the philanthropic energy of the Queen's Consort.

Prince Albert It found a social expression in the progressive tone of Edward VII's court. and least in his championing of Jewish interests. It also found a charitable expression in the activities encouraged by Edward VIII. Prohaska has pointed out that when Edward called for "something to be done after seeing the scale of poverty in South Wales he expected someone else to do it, but his words carried weight. A speech of his in 1932 did lead to the establishment of 2,300 self-help and charitable projects to aid the unemployed.

The fullest flowering of the Welfare monarchy, however, has occurred during the reign of the current Queen and its most assiduous servant has been the Prince of Wales. Through the Prince's Trust, which works with society's excluded to foster enterprise in place of dependence, he has been instrumental in creating some 60,000 jobs. It is an achievement, Prohaska argues, "which no venture capital trust can top". There are no shortage of powerful

arguments for monarchists to make and no shortage of impressive advocates, from across the political spectrum, to make them but unless the arguments are taken out of the broadsheets and onto broadcasts then the republicans will continue their slow advance. The telephone political and the TV and the TV debate may not be the ground which royalist-gladiators might pick but they should trust to the quality of their case to transcend the heat and dust. ● Monarchy - The Nation Decides on ITV at

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Heavy Brigade in defence of the Crown. Bogdanor believes the republicans are. in any case, a paper army, their numbers nature of so much constitutional discontent. He argues, opinion polls and the like always tend to exaggerate support for change. They did so with devolution for Scotland in the Seventies. I imagine it's the same with support for a republic. The reason is simple. Until the existing institution faces the prospect of a real: change, as with a referendum, the arguments for the status quo are not put with the same force and ardour as the reformist case."

n the past, the Royal Family has been saved from far deeper troughs: of unpopularity by a combination of political weight, skilful adaption and the wheel of time.

The last period of substantial republican feeling arose in the late 1860s and early 1870s, after the death of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria's subsequent withdrawal from public life. The combination of ageing monarch, scandaldogged heir and broader agitation for constitutional change created pressure for a republic then and is doing so again now.

There were differences. In the 1870s two substantial politicians, Sir Charles Dilke and Joseph Chamberlain were "our" republicans. They enjoyed a popular appeal, social consequence and platform power which today's republican politicians, with all respect to Paul Flynn MP, cannot equal. There may be many more

# I look forward to Blair taking over'

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The liberal American economist J.K. Galbraith believes that Tony Blair is young, intelligent and original. Interview by Quentin Letts

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people are not expected to betall, but the economist John Kenneth Galbraith, 88, stands 60 7m in his socks. Someone once wondered if his great height moulded his placed nature—on the ground that being so visible in a crowd. Galbraith had to mind his manners.

Any rugby referee will tell you that secondrow forwards, though beanpole tall, like to misbehave once they have their heads down in the scrum. Gailbraith's gentleness is also misleading. He is, certainly, a counteous man who speaks with an almost Jimmy Stewart drawl and greets callers to his Boston home with the grace of a lost age. In his day to-day conversaon, however, he will happily try to place your argument over his knee and cane it - which incidentally, is just what he feels like doing with President Clinton for signing last year's welfare reform Bill. He talks to Clinton occasionally. but right now he is cross with the President and is not reluctant to admit it. Galbraith belongs to that pantheon of Ameri-

can liberalism which includes FDR, the Kennedy brothers, Martin Luther King and the Margaret Rutherford of American politics, Eleanor Roosevelt. He has been involved in public life since the Second World War, when Roosevelt put him in charge of price control. Stints followed as presidential adviser, Ambassador to India, Harvard professor, and, in due course, bête noire emeritus of the American Right.

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His books are held to have had an influence on the American political debate, specifically on the Left-leaning East and West Coast establishment. Inclusiveness, social conscience, environmentalism, anti-militarism, pro-minorityism; these cosy, possibly umatural inclinations have all found their intellectual justification, and sometimes their root, in the concise, elegant rose of this lofty Canadian.

His 30 or so books have included The Affluent Society in 1958. The Industrial State (1967). The Age of Uncertainty (1977). The Anatomy of Power (1983) through to his latest offering. The Good Society (Sinclair-Stevenson). Throughout, America's brahmins have sat at his feet, earnestly taking notes, nodding their heads and thinking the world of their master in

ention the name Galbraith in most New York city salons today and eyes open wide in admiration: "You mean you have met him?" ask fiftysomething women, recalling cerebral college girl crushes. From Galbraith, arguably, the last generation of East Coast "Wasps" (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants) learnt that it was rank for which predecessors had worked - that the welfare state was the great civilising only to see their place taken by more self-force of the 20th century, that it made for the resarding ethnic errors. regarding ethnic groups.

Galbraith was born and reared in 10ma occurred and protected. Con a station, a dusty Ontario township where his tion, Galbraith once also said that there was seek only to imitate

ture degree from the Univer-sity of Toronto but it was not until he reached the University of California, Berkeley, as a masters student in the early Thirties that his political batteries were charged. "A very exciting time," he recalls. was therein the depths of the Great Depression and I plugged in No one expected une system to survive. It was unknown for anyone, save one or two of the older to be in support of the status

in The Good Society Gal-braith presents his definition for the perfect polity, where people can choose not to work. where the rich take high taxes on the chin, where immigrants are welcomed and healthcare is plentiful. Workers must be

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must embrace the necessity of big government,
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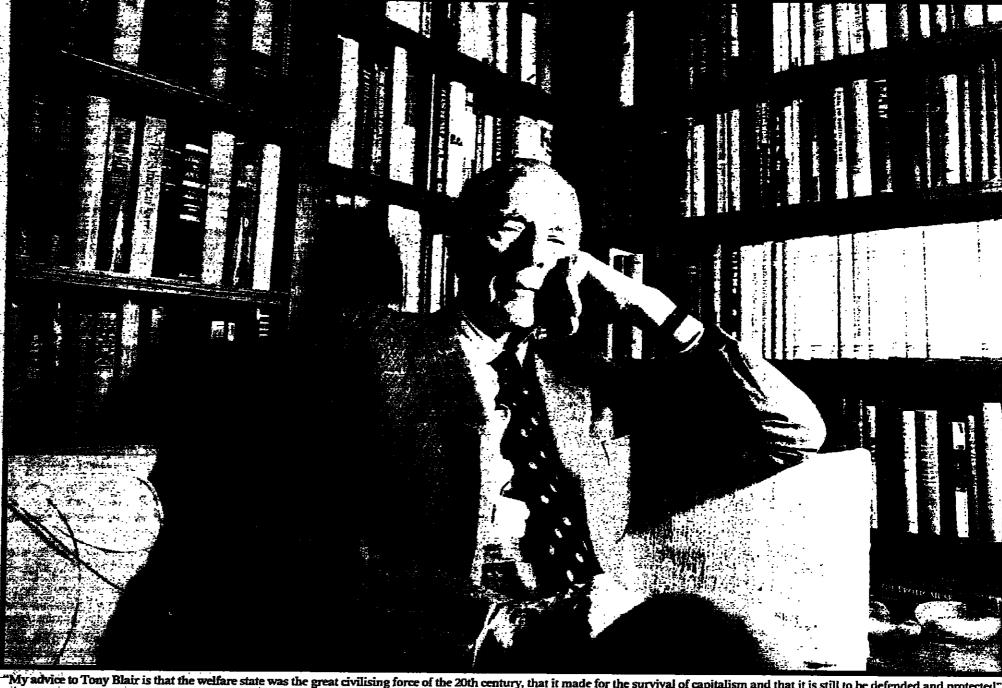
of internationalism, of goodwill to the poor of of internationalism, of goodwill to the poor of the world.

Quite a lot of that, one realises, is now hard set in American political life. Galbraith was spurred to publish The Good Society when Newt Gingrich swept into Congress with his Contract For America— in his hall is a sticker that reads BOOT NEWT— but despite the Right's loud demands for less government, Galbraithism thrives. In modern America idleness is frequently rewarded, taxes have idleness is frequently rewarded, taxes have risen, racism, whatever the Rev Jesse Jackson might have us believe, is a great deal less common, and there are ranks of apparatchiks and regulations in place to ensure that priate enterprise is checked, if not throttled.

Galbraith does not explain how a United States so blessed is at the same time so divided and, arguably, less at ease with itself than it was in the Depression. The US does have a terrible problem with the urban poor." he concedes,

before moving on 📜 Humour seeps out of the man, normally via understatement. On saying something amusing he leant back, his eyes closed slightly, and a faint smile played at the corners of his mouth. It gave him the look of a tortoise that has just bitten on a leaf of fresh lettuce and finds it good. I asked about Mountbatten, whom he knew. "An attractive man," says-Galbraith, "moderately intelligent but not brilliant, more than adequately self-confident." The eyes did their fortoise act. Despite his love of big government, he holds in awe the way the Raj was conducted with such a small complement of British civil servants. Did you know that the British ran india with fewer people than Harvard employs in its dining halls?"

n its dining halls?" Galbraith was sent to India by John Kennedy, whom he had taught at Harvard, and who was so addicted to Galbraith's succinct, sardonic dispatches that he would ask the White House staff to let him see the ambassador's cables, even when they were addressed to other parties. After Kennedy's death Galbraith remained in Washington, advising President - the comfortable."



"My advice to Tony Blair is that the welfare state was the great civilising force of the 20th century, that it made for the survival of capitalism and that it is still to be defended and protected

Johnson. In the Seventies, the Carter Administration made contact; as has the current presidential circle, although Galbraith is not entirely convinced by Clinton. Kennedy and Clinton, he surmises, "both had a shrewd view of their political opposition, but Kennedy had a stronger liberal commitment, a measure of which was the fact that he didn't avoid the word". The L-word, indeed, rarely falls from Bill Clinton's lips.

For Clinton read Blair? Galbraith is a pin-up in Labour Party circles. He met Tony Blair recently and "maintains friendly connections". "I know many of Blair's people and I look forward to his taking over the British Government," he says. "Mr Blair seems to be young. survival of capitalism and that it is still to be father farmed. Young Kenneth took an agricul- no hope for liberals if they seek only to imitate conservatives, and no function

either". He has known most of the British Prime Ministers since Galbraith is the Second World War, ala pin-up though not Margaret Thatin Labour spectator sport that encounter could have made. Thatcherites Party circles may not be surprised to learn that he is particularly fond of Sir Edward Heath. Ted was and he here at Harvard the other day. He tends to become excited maintains about the details of an argument, while I remain calmer." He writes every day, rising early and working in his downstairs study with its phofriendly tographs of presidents and statesmen he knew. There is connections

with them

There is a plan for another book, which will describe his encounters with world leaders - "an exercise in name dropping". He is bullish about the calibre of modern politicians. "In my lifetime there has been an enormous improvement in the quality of people in public life," he says. "One should

one of Jackie Kennedy astride

an elephant in India.

not be in any doubt about that. People like Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Warren G. Harding, they would be lost in the problems of today. In the war years I knew every member of Congress and the Senate. The Democrats were selected by the northern machines. Some of them were people whose party discipline depended on the fact that an indictment was always possible."

e was twice persuaded to think about running for the Senate, but it came to nothing. The first time he pulled out on the eve of the election because he realised that if he won it would have meant knocking out a black man from the House. The other time he was in mid-book and, having made the emotional investment, he felt he could not drop it. Could he have made it as an elected politician? "I have a certain surplus of energy, make speeches with ease and a minimum of thought," he says. "I would have had the patience for dealing with my constituents. Whether I would have had the patience for dealing with my colleagues is another matter."

Harvard in 1997 is a long call from the Berkeley of the Thirties. The status quo is now so soft-bellied that there is little for left-wing academics properly to protest about, and one of the dividends of the liberal advance has been the awful daily mugging of personal freedom, rife on Ivy League campuses, that is political correctness. Galbraith declined to see anything wrong with it. "On the whole I conform to the language of the moment," he says, suddenly strangely cold. "I do it without much thought." He was "not in the least bothered" by the possible curbs on free speech or thought. But then the eyes did their tortoise trick. "I adhere to the comment made in the St Louis Dispatch that one should comfort the afflicted and afflict

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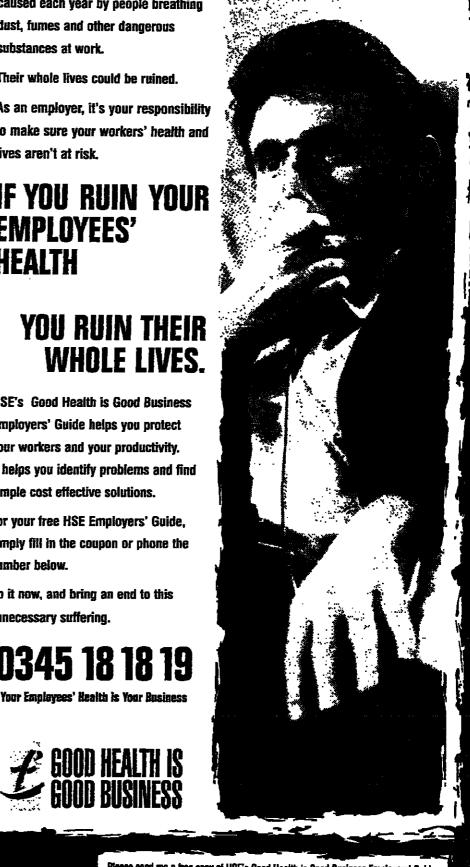
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# Dark ages of the grand old party

Republicans fear capture by the Religious Right, says Tim Hames

t will be a peculiar celebranon when Republican members of Congress gather in Washington today. For the first time since the 1920s, they have retained control of Capitol Hill. Thirty-two states, comprising nearly three-quarters of all Americans. have Republicans as their governors. A radical new system of public welfare, designed by conservatives, has replaced the model pioneered by Democratic Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson. Despite that, the atmosphere is subdued, even depressed. The architect of the great landslide of 1494 - Newt Gingrich — stands embattled by ethics charges, hanging on to his post as Speaker of the House by the skin of his teeth. The man who led the other side of that triumph - Robert Dole - now resides in the Florida sunshine, not the Senate or the White House.

To some, there is a crisis that goes much deeper. William Kristol, Editor of the leading conservative magazine The Weekly Standard. complains that the Republicans no longer have a "compelling national agenda". Along with other conservative intellectuals, he spent the new

Reagan's

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year break at the curiously titled "Dark Ages" retreat in Arizona, attempting, without obvious success, to reinvent the political strategy that went badly astray in 1996. Then it was brought down

by its proponents overreaching themselves, and by the tactics adopted by Bill Clinton to reposition himself as a man of the Centre. The celebration that counts in Washington will be held in two weeks' time, when the President offers Americans his

second inaugural address. Some Republicans foresee permanent alignation from the mainstream electorate. Ronald Reagan's greatest achievement was to forge a three-part coalition from blue-collar sofrom the Mid-West), religiously inspired conservatives (predominantly in the American South), and economic libertarians (in suburbs everywhere). The purty's image, it is feared. is now that of intolerant Southern evangelical Protestants. As a result. Bill Clinton made enormous advances throughout suburbia last November. with high-income women in narticular deserting to the

Democrats in droves. Those who favour "empowerment conservatism", such as Kristol and last year's vicepresidential candidate Jack Kemp, fear their party will become an electoral ghetto. inhospitable to those beyond its one membership, incapable of presidential victory and hence denied access to com-

plete political power. Yet despite the current fashion for despair in Washington. the death of the Republican Revolution and the demise of the Reagan coalition have been greatly exaggerated. The American Right does not lack a compelling national programm: - or if it does, that problem pales into insignificance compared with those faced by American liberalism. now that it has been abandoned even by a Democratic President. The Republicans' real dilemma is how to implement that programme so that it is uniquely associated with them, rather than see the spoils shared by the ever-opportunistic White House.

Most of the programme that energised both conservatives and the American public two years ago remains popular and is still waiting to be implemented. The proof of that lies in Bill Clinton's willingness to adopt almost all of its key aspects to ensure his re-election. In 1995, Republican attempts to pass a bal-anced-budget amendment to the American Constitution fell by one vote in the Senate. Thanks to the results in November, there is now the necessary two-thirds majority to enact it this year. In 1995, Dole and Gingrich forced President Clinton to offer more than \$100 billion in tax reductions. but turned this down as insufficient for their more realous backbenchers in the House of Representatives. This year they should hold the President to his promise to cut taxes, but couple it with a radical drive to simplify the hideously com-

plex seven-million word US tax system, along the lines of the flat tax that Steve Forbes vigorously promoted in the Republican pri-

mary contest. The state of the economy may have helped Bill Clinton to keep the Oval Office despite all his other

baggage, but economic policy low taxation, small government, high growth - remains conservative-occupied territory. It is also the factor that glues the various elements of the Republican coalition together, Fundamentalist Christians are as hostile to Washington in their wallets as they are to "progressive" education in their schools. Furthermore, tax cuts can be designed to promote policy objectives, such as supporting

of social conservatives. Against the backdrop of a booming economy, and with a Democratic President favour ing tax relief for the middle classes, the 15 per cent tax cut plan did not make much headway in 1996 - and Bob Dole was hardly a convincing advocate. All the evidence at state level is that those Republican governors who have successfully reduced tax and spending levels have reaped

family life, dear to the hearts

rich elecional rewards. The worst mistake the Republicans could make during their present depression would be to abandon the principles of the Contract with America and seek instead some novel ideas simply because of one presidential defeat. To achieve their ambi-tious reforms in the next Congress. Republicans will require at least some co-operation from Bill Clinton. This will require compromise on detail and mean sharing the political credit. That may hurt the short-term feelings of American conservatives, but it will cause more long-term pain to American liberals.



# The ads that detract

hey look pretty sad. Young enough to have a baby but definitely past their prime: frown-lines activated, mouths downcast, bad hair day visible behind the fat red print at brow level [New Labour]. Above the lower level of print ("New failure"), we see that Mr Miserable suffers from an Adam's apple so prominent as to cause suspicion of hyperthyroidism, and that Mrs Miserable is wearing an unseasonal bare-necked top. I feel cold just

looking at it. Both have the deep, dark hopeless eyes of haby seals about to be clubbed. The mother is weeping red ink. Brian Mawhinney thinks that the sight of this family will frighten us all into voting Conservative, on the principle that the electorate always keeps tight hold of nurse for fear of

finding something worse.

This is the big one, the first campaign of election year. Thought and money and Saatchi magic have been poured into it with a lavishness born of desperation: the very models were made to sign written undertakings that they will not reveal their identities. It would never do for them to be photographed grinning, winking. Lissing the cheque, or voting Lib Dem. The best that afficionados of political nonsense can hope for is that in years to come the infant, too young to sign, will turn up on Midweek. revealing that he was the 1997 Labour-failure baby.

I stared at them for a few moments. rying to be receptive to the message. Poor young couple: we are familiar with these faces, this look of grainy black-and-white reportage despair. The word "failure" beneath them riggers instant associations. We see their small business going bust after years of struggle. They lost their house, oxught at a high price during Nigel Lawson's lake boom; they owe the bank tens of thousands in negative equity. They will end up separated in bed-and-breakfast hostels with no croker, and the baby will grow up malnourished, with one of the old diseases now creeping back into Britain: TB or rickets.

Or they will be put on one of the worst council estates, where baby will became a drug-runner and — if he lives long enough - end up in one of Michael Howard's new secure units for 12-year-olds. In that fleeting first moment of seeing the poster we think "Poor death! Victims of the recession. and now the recovery has come too

The message of the new Tory campaign is failure - but whose?

late because they will never catch up on their debts". All these notions chase through the mind immediately, because it is a good photograph expressing a familiar terror.

The only trouble is. Dr Mawhinney, that nobody automatically links all these things with Her Majes-ty's Opposition. If you are scrupulously fair-minded, you will associate the family's plight with plain bad luck. Far more probably, you will associate it with the fact that Britain has had 18 solid years of . . . er . . . Con-servative government. The only per-

sonal grudge these people can possibly have against Labour is that back in the winter of discontent the power once were on Top of the of shooting yourself accurately in the foot, this poster takes some

heating There is a received idea that advertising rules the world: that such people as Steve Hilton, the Saatchlet who invented this ad, are brilliant manipulators who understand the public mind. This is particularly easy to believe when you are actually with advertising creatives, because they are such good company. They are boundlessly optimistic and confident, with the kind of simple fizzing energy that magnetically attracts and comforts ordinary, hesitant, thoughtful people. They talk with a beguiling blend of pop psychology and hardnosed machismo (as in "Let's nuke the opposition with a compassion offensive.). They make good jokes. They simplify things. It is easy to see why people from the real world. whose lives are enmeshed in necessary compromises and a million shades of grey, find solace in the company of adiolk.

They would do well, though, to use a longer spoon. This quick, clever, competitive profession hates to do anything straightforward ("Buy Soap It Gets You Clean"). They want to be clever. And "clever" advertising, I submit. sorres as many own goals as real ones. It is fun to look at, beautifully presented and zestful: but every

day millions of people look at these clever ads and think thoughts com-pletely different from those intended. As the Arab proverb says, The camel driver has his thoughts, and the camel he has his." Independently of the camel driver at the agency, we carnels think "naff" or "expensive" or "silly" or "I love that ad — which car was it for, I never notice?" We watch shampoo advertisements and think "nice sweater", and coffee-bean com-

mercials thinking "nice legs". Sometimes we are alienated entirely. To offer Gold Blend coffee to a male visitor is now equivalent to dropping a shoul-

derstrap and doing

a Bienvenida Buck put it in a plain canister. Certain cars, mechanically excellent, are now so identified with spoilt bimbos that men find them too embarrassing to drive. My husband confides that he could never bring himself to drive "anything that Ruby Wax might have been in". Even the

most technically brilliant advertise-

ments backfire: I like the occasional

half-pint of Guinness, but can no

longer order it in an English pub because of a painful sense that these days it is only drunk by appalling posers in black polo-necks. You might say that these are targeted campaigns, so it does not matter if they annoy those outside the target área: but this is hardly a safe way for politicians to think. They need everyone, of every age and type. The cleverer the ad, the greater its potential to look silly and annoying, and in

an election year, being gratuitously

silly and annoying is not wise. Sometimes the opposite happens, and a negative image is strangely attractive. In Black Mischief, Evelyn Waugh caricatured this effect when a population-control campaign showed two pictures: a small family with healthy children and the wife reading the newspaper, versus a huge tribe of skinny and mentally deranged infants led by a bowed, struggling mother. In the story, the locals condemn the first picture and aspire hard-working woman, very fertile, plenty of progeny, one "very mad,

the 1980s government scare cam-paign showing a thin, haggard, scruf-ity figure warning that "Heroin screws you up". A glance at some CD covers could have told the perpetrators that thin, haggard, scruffy and tragic was a very fashionable way for teenagers to look. This season's drink-driving campaign shows a composed girl, a bit scarred but nonetheless interesting-looking, talking about her averagely equivocal relationship with the boyfriend who crashed the car. "They're still together," say the onlookers, swigging their alcopops with gusto. "Isn't that nice? And can't they do tremendous things with plastic surgery these days!" these days!".

like, restrained and even sexy. How many more months of this? After "New Labour -- New Danger". we now have "New Labour — New Failure". What next? Perhaps. New Labour - New Neighbour (picture of savage lesbian in leathers with hammer and sickle on helmet). Then "New Labour - New Manger" (with a dog in it, obviously, labelled "Adoption social worker"). If it runs on till May we shall be down to "New Labour - New Puncture", with Mr and Mrs Miserable Seal-Eyes struggling to change a wheel (marked "Social Chapter") on the brokendown national car while the rest of

All of these images, naturally, will combine to give the electorate the

to identify with the second family:

The modern equivalent of this was

Or take the "demon eyes" poster. have to tell you that some of us girls. thought Mr Blair looked very attract tive, in a Heathcliffian sort of way, without his Bambi eyes. And at least one floating male voter said that it made him more able to believe that this Labour PM really would be capable of getting tough with unions and left-wingers. To be fair, Labour made exactly the same mistake when it portrayed Norman Lamont looking rather fabulous as Vatman. Its agency obviously forgot that Batman is a goodie, a superhero. But Labour has learnt its lesson, and is now very sensibly lying low and allowing puerile Tory advertising to do the job of making its leaders look statesman

the world roars past in the fast lane.

impression that the Labour Party is rather fun and highly electable. Or at least less silly, prodigal and desperate than some.

Young royalty: taped

business from the Windsors. A new generation of young royals has secured a warrant from the Prince of Wales, however, Princes William and Harry and Princess Beatrice have created the demand. Princess Eugenie is sure to follow on. The company is delighted and Bill Cash. MP, whose forebears started the company, applauds the warrant: "A marvellous tribute not only to Cash's nametapes but also to the numb sewing fingers of mothers up and down

#### under Hugh Gaitskell, we in the Lab-our Party had fought a better campaign than our opponents but were defeated by the fear that Labour would damage the economy. As the joint Liberal and Labour vote had exceeded that of the Tories, I proposed that there should be a Lib-Lab pact in seats where the Tories had won with a minority of votes. Labour would run no candidate where the Liberals had come second, and vice versa.

A Lib-Lab pact may sink Blair

Voters don't like

coalitions, says

**Woodrow Wyatt** 

By November 1961, the Tories had held office for 12 years. The Profumo affair and Har-

old Macmillan's retirement through

illness were yet to come. Confidence that Labour would win the election due in 1964 was not strong. In 1959,

A poll on November 27, 1961 showed that 56 per cent of Labour supporters agreed with me, and only 27 per cent disagreed, and 40.5 per cent of Liberal supporters approved. But Gaitskell strongly disliked my proposal. Angrily, he told me I had acutely embarrassed him by airing it. This was because we were known to be close associates and it was often assumed that I was expressing his views. Nevertheless, I persisted, publishing a very long article in the New Statesman of January 26, 1962, containing tables showing how the scheme would work. If the local Labour and Liberal parties arranged to back the candidate with the best chance, there ought to be a Lib-Lab majority in the Commons. Jo Grimond, the Liberal leader, was convinced of the scheme's merits, but Gaitskell and the Labour national executive were further enraged. Morgan Phillips, the Labour Party's general secretary, was instructed to write to tell me that I must drop my advocacy of a Lib-Lab pact or be

expelled. So I dropped it. Many people prominent in the Labour Party today probably feel the same way about the current discussions between Labour and the Liberal Democrats. The fact that they are tak-ing place shows Tony Blair's lack of confidence in Labour being able to form a government on its own. The Callaghan Government could not have survived so long without its pact with the Liberals. I understand Mr Blair's reasoning. He suspects that despite his big lead in the opinion polls, he too will be unable to sustain a government without Liberal backing, and he wants to settle the terms in advance: Mr Blair would regard his not becoming prime minister this year as a personal cataclysm.

esterday Paddy Ashdown said on the BBC's Today pro-gramme he would not rule out. 4. his becoming a member of a Blair re Cabinet. Of course not. That would be his first demand, with one or two other Liberal Democrats to join him. Presumably he would also insist on his pet scheme for increased income tax devoted entirely to education, which would make a hole in Mr. Blair's claim that Labour would not raise taxes. But the biggest liability Mr Blair risks taking on is the Liberal Democrats' attitude to Europe. Mr Ashdown vehemently maintains that the Westminster Parliament must inevitably become increasingly subordinate to European institutions. Not only does he wish to be part of the single currency, but he is a passionate federalist as well. You know a man by the company he keeps, and Mr Blair keeps close company with Mr Ashdown to the extent even of co-ordinating their attacks on John Major, Mr Blair's declaration that he would fight for British interests in Europe is hollow, since it is coupled with his determ ination to agree with the majority rather than be isolated, as Mr Major s prepared to be.

Hugh Gaitskell used to say that people voted Liberal only because they were too snobbish to vote Labour. Clearly Mr Blair has persuaded Mr Ashdown that it is now more snobbish to cavort with new Labour. led by a product of Fettes and Oxford than with Mr Major, who left school at 16 and understands poverty from his own experience. Blair has worked the theme that because he is an admirer of Margaret Thatcher, there is not much difference between voting for the Conservatives and voting for new Labour. But joining with the Liberal Democrats is an electoral mistake.

Much has changed since 1902, when I advocated such an alliance. Basically this is a two-party country which prefers one-party government, strong enough to make essential difficult decisions, to potentially weak coalitions. The prospect of proportional representation, which comes closer with the parmership of Blair and Ashdown, is more likely to lose votes than to gain them — as is their shared addiction to overturning institutions for no real benefit. The propused separate assembly for Scotland. with tax-raising powers, would inex-orably lead to disputes between West-minster and Edinburgh, eventually fuelling a Scottish demand for complete independence and the break-up of the United Kingdom, Under Blair and Ashdown, this issue would be decided solely by the Scots, ignoring the English. Welsh and Northern Irish, who form the overwhelming majority of British people. The excess haggage with which Mr Blair has burdened himself lessens his chances of symplectic of winning the election, and it is now too late for him to shed it.

### Piped music

MUSICAL rarities from 50 years' worth of classical and rock archives have been ruined in a flood caused by burst pipes at the British Academy of Song Writers and Composers in London, the largest composer trade association.

Handwritten correspondence from Noël Coward is now smudged, soggy and illegible; his letter accepting the presidency of the academy is believed to be beyond repair A Mapplethorpe print of



Coward: soggy

the singer Peter Gabriel looks like a half-haked poppadum.

"What we need is some rescuing angel," said Amanda Harcourt, rock archivist, yesterday. "We're wading through water here to get to our desks. The lights and electricity don't work, the computers are sodden and cracks are appearing all over the building."

Photographs of Paul and Lindu McCartney with Liza Minneili, of John Lennon and Yoko Onn. and of Yehudi Menuin cavorting with the Bee Gres are leared lost, along with Lennon's original academy membership certificate.

But of more pressing concern are the entry tapes for the Song for Europe competition, arriving in every past in time for Terry Wogan's patter at the final in March. The Novello nominations will be arriving soon as well," said Harcourt, "and we're wading around in galoshes with nowhere to put them.

 A smear of tabloid journalists hurried off to France vesterday in search of the Jeverish MP Jerry Haves, who was rumoured to be staying with his family at Disney-land. Paris, Never short of inspira-



tion where a grubby story is concerned, they set about trying to hire Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck cutfits so as to mingle with the erowds. Buck in London, subeditors were desperate to combine the store about Jerry Haves with the one about fory MP Hugh Dykes talking to the Lib Dems and to Larour. They all wanted to use the headline "Guys and Dykes".

#### Read Nigel's

PEERING waistwards after Christmas, Norman Lamont has decided to diet. He has chosen the Hay Diet, which basically involves not mixing meat and potatoes. "I don't believe it will work," says Lamont, who claims that he still his snugly into his suits. "but I read all these diet things in the newspapers and thought I might

buy a book and try one out." Lamont, who will be standing for the Tories in Harrogate at the election, denies putting on weight recently, despite not being the sort to fold his napkin when the puddings come round. "I put on my weight when I was younger." he says, "and since then, it has been pretty stable. It only really adjusts according to elections."

#### Dare we?

BBC NEWS programmes were characteristically wet on Sunday about the Jerry Hayes affair. Not since the Conservative MP Ste-



hours after the story of his death broke before the BBC felt able to divulge that he had been found naked but for women's underwear. The story of Hayes's platonic affair with a gay teenager was touched upon briefly in morning bulletins, and raised in David

Frost's breakfast interview with John Major, but disappeared altogether later in the day. "It was a potentially defamatory story," says the BBC by way of explanation.
"And we didn't feel we could carry it on any further. So it was decided the story wasn't really strong enough for the main bulletins."

phen Milligan died after indulging

in a sexual experiment has there been so much hand-wringing over

what to tell viewers and listeners.

In the case of Milligan, it was 18

#### Cashing in

AFTER 30 years out in the cold. the prep-school nametape manu-facturer J & J Cash Ltd. has again received a Royal Warrant of Appointment. The company lost the Queen's Royal Warrant in 1964 when Prince Charles was 15 and Princess Anne was 13. A surfeit of nametapes had accumulated at Buckingham Palace, and they could in any case be folded over and recycled for Princes Andrew and Edward: J & J Cash lost



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THE TIMES

### IT STARTED IN TEARS

Why Dr Mawhinney should be negative and proud of it

New Year, new opportunity, new launch until the Prime Minister revisited family and new embarrassments arrived for the Conservative Party this week. Just as Tory posters appeared on the streets showing an unfortunate couple bewailing their decision to vote Labour, another mother and father -Mr and Mrs Jerry Hayes - went to ground to escape embarrassing press revelations. Then there surfaced the unlikely partnership of Hugh Dykes and Jack Straw, taking further shine off the party's much needed and crisply planned advertising.

Dr Mawhinney did not well serve his own cause when he was accused on the Today programme of negative campaigning. Instead of saying that he had a justifiably negative view of the Labour Party and wished to communicate this to the British people, he said that his advertisement was a very positive message". This sort of

duplicity is unnecessary and unsustainable. The central Tory strategy, however slim its prospects, has to remain where it has been for more than a year; its reliance is on economic recovery and a claim that Labour will ruin it. The second part of that strategy requires an inevitably negative message. Negative advertising is also the most proven method of appealing to floating voters. To insist on avoiding the N-word only infuriates voters, who are already inclined to see Conservative politicians as untrustworthy. Nor did the Prime Minister assist the relaunch. He chose his hour-long platform

of an interview with David Frost to say little. Instead, therefore, errant backbenchers have been making the news, and those who want to cause maximum damage to the Conservative Party have chosen their timing well. Max Clifford, the publicist representing Mr Hayes's alleged boyfriend, waited values before revealing what they might sometimes mean in practice. Mr Straw. having conducted a long and tortuous courtship with Mr Dykes, chose the first working week of the New Year to announce that the Tory MP, far from thinking constitutional reform dangerous, would become actively involved with Labour and the Liberal Democrats in its design.

The trouble with trying to present politics in black and white - as election campaigns invariably do — is that grey will insist on blurring the edges. The arguments about constitutional reform do not create straight partisan divisions. Many Conservatives, not least the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor, have been in favour of devolution in the past. Some Tories privately support electoral reform; others would like to see incorporation into domestic law of the European Convention on Human Rights. Mr Major may see electoral advantage in portraying Labour as the party of constitu-tion-wreckers, but he must also face the fact that many of the Opposition's proposals have been espoused on his own benches,

sometimes even in Tory manifestos. With a non-existent majority, Mr Major is more beholden than ever to his backbenchers. Looking ahead to five months of compulsory Commons attendance culminating in probable defeat at the polls, those MPs are likely to be more fractious than ever. The Ulster Unionists will probably ensure that no vote of confidence is lost between now and May; but the Government's dependence on a minority party, living from day to day, will sap morale. The New Year has begun, but there is little sign yet of a new spirit abroad.

#### **FORWARD IN BELGRADE**

Serbia seeks redemption in witty, brave and peaceful protest

Today, the Orthodox Christmas is celebrated — and nowhere more sanguinely than in Belgrade, where tens of thousands of protesting citizens flocked last night to St Sava's Cathedral for a midnight Mass held in decidedly unorthodox circumstances. As they prepare for their 51st straight day of outfacing and outfoxing the regime of Slobodan Milosevic, they feel the odds shifting in their favour.

Not only has the battle for democracy in Serbia outgrown its original cause, President Milosevic's refusal to accept Opposition victories in a string of municipal elections; it is at last attracting support from within the hierarchy, which Mr Milosevic cannot so tanks, as he did in 1991, he will have to call easily pretend to ignore as he has the daily street carnival of crowds equipped with little more than eggs, detergent, snowballs and the cacophany of thousands of whistles, alarm clocks and beaten panlids.

Mr Milosevic still appears in firm control of the levers on which he has traditionally relied most closely, the mass media, which is key to retaining the support of rural Serbs. an 80,000-strong cohort of heavily armed paramilitary police whose loyalty he has taken care to purchase, and a manipulable legal system. But to many Serbs, the Church and the Army embody their sense of nationhood far more surely than the apparatus inherited from communism. His

grip on both of these is slipping. The first serious crack came last week. when the ruling council of the Serbian Orthodox Church, which notoriously supported Mr Milosevic's drive to carve out a Greater Serbia, turned on him with a blistering public attack for "strangling political and religious freedoms" and "triggering bloodshed" by setting Serb against Serb. It inequivocally demanded the reinstatement of the local election results. The Church can reach where opposition media cannot; and because many country people have remained religious throughout moral and political support.

the communist years, once this message reaches rural pulpits Mr Milosevic's strategy of confining protest to the urban middle classes will be seriously weakened.

Now the Army is edging off the fence. While pointedly refraining from any statement of support for the President, it has so far insisted on its constitutional duty to stay clear of politics. But yesterday General Morncilo Perisic, the Army Chief of Staff, told a student delegation that the Army expected the crisis to be resolved "in the manner employed in democratic countries". For Mr Milosevic, the grave implication is that if he sets on the demonstrators with on his special police. Faced by a potential army revolt, they too might hesitate to shoot. For the first time in nine years. Mr Milosevic appears on shakier ground than his opponents.

If he exercised one of the tactical retreats of which he is master, he might yet cling to power. If he reversed the local election fraud, as the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe has demanded, his power would be dented but not destroyed. He would then have nearly a year to plot his strategy for the federal presidential and parliamentary elections.

This is the course the West is pressing on him. There is gain if pressure succeeds, because the cracks in the monolith will widen. But there is gain, too, if it does not. The more he acts as though the removal of a single small brick would bring his house down, the more likely he makes its collapse. By their wit, courage and peaceable conduct, Serbia's students and burghers have shown their determination to effect bloodless reform. They have done much to rebuild Serbia's tarnished reputation: if they win through, it would have a redeeming influence on the intolerant politics of the Balkans. For all these reasons, they deserve

#### **CLASSIC PRIGGERY**

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Music has room for epigram and epitome as well as epic

The new "crossover" chart for recorded music armounced yesterday will provide a separate league table for Dame Kiri Te Kanawa singing Rodgers and Hammerstein, Pavarotti performing with Elton John, and others who sway between recording classical and pop music. At present the mass popularity of such compilations dominates the classical charts and squeezes out thoroughbred recordings that are new. The crossover chart will enable enterprising music companies to claim the distinction of having issued the most popular operaalbum, tape or compact disc in history. It will also annoy purists and prigs.

We will hear the familiar complaint that those who cannot take a work of art whole and pure should not nibble at its edges. Such was the opinion of Claudio Abbado when he threatened to sue Deutsche Grammophon for concentrating highlights from the many Mahler symphonies he has conducted on a single compact disc. But his opinion dismayed weaker brothers and sisters who find that a little Mahler goes a long way. Abbado was repeating the cry of intellectual snobs down the ages: a little learning, or culture, is

a dangerous thing. This rhetoric is not just snobbish. It is also unhistorical. Children and beginners in any new field usually start with digests, whether The Golden Treasury, Other Men's Flowers,

Only dogged enthusiasts would insist that everybody study every word of the Bible (or Livy) or enjoy every note of Wagner.

been passed to us in selected soundbites. short-change readers.

Musicians too have always wanted to make the most of their music, recycling it for all audiences. A hundred best tunes in some form is one of the oldest radio programmes. Henry Wood's first Promenade Concerts consisted of 20 extracts from operas warbled by the divas of the day. The proper criticism of Classic FM is not the brevity of its extracts but the long-windedness of its presenters. Music and culture have many mansions. And there is room in them for the 100 best

Vast swathes of what we call culture has

Much of our classical heritage was preserved by the epitomists of the Hellenistic age. They were the first to feel the growth of recorded literature as a burden. Those old bookmen of Alexandria denounced the "big evil of a big book" and pioneered both small works and the abridgement of long ones. The three-volume novel was a reinvention of the Romantic giants. But even Victorian novelists wrote in short episodes for popular serialisation. In his preface to The Wings of the Dove, even Henry James regretted that his publisher had failed to sell serialisation rights: "Sour grapes may at moments fairly intoxicate." And James was not a novelist to

The Greek Anthology, poems on the arias as well as for Bayreuth, and even yet Underground, or some modern compilation... another perfect recording of La Bohème. 

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Police statistics on drink-driving

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From Mr J. G. Wishart

Sir, On January 3 you reported that, according to the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo), the number of drivers in England and Wales caught drinking and driving over the Christmas period rose by 18 per cent compared with the same period in 1995. What was not stated was the number of all drivers tested. Without this fact. the 1S per cent figure has no validity.

West Mercia Police reported a 35 per cent rise in positive tests. So what? How many sober drivers were tested? Such a presentation of data is mean-

ingless.
The significant fact is that Merseyside Police tested 11.160 drivers and caught out 97 (0.87 per cent) -- an improvement over 1995, when about 3.700 were tested to catch 135 (3.65 per cent). This is a sensible way to present statistical data.

One week ago, police in Scotland published their Christmas drink-driv-ing results and claimed that the failure rate was "unbelievable" because 69 drivers failed the breath test, an increase of 39 over the same period in 1995. This was widely bemoaned in the media. Yet the final figures show that 1.64 per cent of tested drivers failed in 1995 and that in 1996 the proportion of a greatly increased number of tested drivers fell to 1.38 per cent. This reduction in percentage was ignored and the larger number of

ailures condemned. It is interesting to note that most police forces in England and Wales refused to release data relating to the total number of tests undertaken. Why is this? Are the true percentages falling but numbers of failures increasing because of increasingly larger numbers of drivers tested? Do the police have a hidden agenda and are they attempting to persuade us with suspect data that the present legal limit should be reduced?

May we please have statistical data presented in a proper manner.

Yours faithfully, J. G. WISHART, Milton House, Milton of Balgonie, Glenrothes, Fife.

January 6.

From Professor K. T. V. Grattan

Sir, Whilst you correctly note that the total number of drivers caught drinking and driving is up (by 18 per cent). the underlying figures point, I believe, to two more significant things.

The first is the essential similarity of the failure rate figures in Scotland and Mersevside. These are areas where the largest and the most statistically meaningful numbers of tests were performed. At about I per cent, the failure rate was in each case better or, at worst, similar to last year's.

The second is that this implies a pass rate of 99 per cent, inspite of the huge number of motorists inconvenienced by the process in these two areas alone.

Do these figures really justify the need for the "unfettered" powers to stop and test drivers, called for by police chiefs and reported by you, given this clear indication that random testing is, in effect, already with us? Yours faithfully.

K. T. V. GRATTAN City University, School of Engineering. Northampton Square, ECI.

From HM Coroner, South Yorkshire (East)

Sir, There is no significant difference between the number of fatal road accidents involving motorists with a blood/ alcohol level of 80mg per 100ml or more and those with a level of 50mg per 100ml or more. People are not affected by less than 30mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood.

People are affected, sometimes for life, by being "breathalysed", and by consequent disqualification from driving and, not infrequently, employment. Rightly or wrongly, but understandably, such people and their families and friends blame the police for having applied the law by breathalysing them, and I fear that a reduction in the legal limit, and the consequent increase in convictions of motorists, will considerably reduce public goodwill towards the police.

The present law works well. Acpo should realise that any reduction in the present blood/alcohol limit may bring about far more indirect disadvantage than benefit.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY HOOPER. HM Coroner, South Yorkshire (East). Coroner's Court and Office, 5 Union Street, Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

#### Press and politics From Sir Julian Critchley, MP for

Aldershot (Conservative)

Sir, Whether or not Jerry Hayes has had a "relationship" with Paul Stone is of little importance. What is really sickening is the import of this sentence carried in your lead story today: "Mr Stone, now 24, is understood to have received £75,000 for selling his claim to the News of the World through the publicist Max Clifford". If true, what does it tell us of the British press, Mr Stone and, of course, the egregious Mr Clifford?

Yours etc.
JULIAN CRITCHLEY. House of Commons. January 6.

### Adoption needs and the scapegoating of social workers

losing their children.

From the General Secretary of the Catholic Child Welfare Council

Sir. Paul Barker (article, "Finding homes for our lost children". December 30; see also leners, January I) highlighted well some of the misguided and counterproductive views about placing black and mixed-race children in adoptive and foster families.

The 1989 Children Act requires local authorities and voluntary adoption agencies to have regard to religion. race, language and culture when coming to a decision on placement of a child. In practice it can be almost impossible to balance these and other needs, and sometimes "race" has been given an unreasonable priority or a biased interpretation.

However, social workers and adoption panels, in both the statutory and voluntary sectors, are always trying to make decisions which are in the best interests of the child. Indeed the obliganon to make the child's interests paramount is the cornerstone of the Children Act; one reason that new adoption legislation is needed is to bring it in line with that Act.

Yours faithfully. MARY GANDY. General Secretary. Catholic Child Welfare Council. 120 West Heath Road, NW3. January 1.

From the Director of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering

Sir, It was refreshing to read Professor Triseliotis's spirited defence (letter, January I) of British social workers. whose work is accorded greater respect almost everywhere in the world except in their own country.

Our social workers have the unenviable task of balancing the need to protect children against maintaining their right to remain with their own families. Few would thank the State for arranging for children to be permanently removed from their birth parents for adoption because of a failure to provide the resources and support which would allow them to return to their families.

indeed the 1989 Children Act requires social workers to work in partnership with parents. For this to work. trust is essential, and a new emphasis on adoption for children in care risks deterring those parents who desperately need help from approaching

social workers for fear of permanently

Far fewer children now live in children's homes. Over 65 per cent are now placed with foster parents, compared with less than 50 per cent ten years ago. However, for some young people, good quality residential care provides a much needed breathing space after painful rejection, which hapnens in adoptive homes as well as in foster and birth families, before they are able to risk again the intens-

ity of family life. Increased demands on social workers together with annual real cuts in funding make the allocation of resources to more adoption work problematic. It is true that too many children still wait too long, but improvements could be achieved without major structural changes. The single most important factor would be to bring

forward the Adoption Bill. Yours sincerely. FELICITY COLLIER. Director. British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering. Skyline House,

200 Union Street, SEI. January 2. From the Senior Director

of Barnado's Sir, Whilst there is much to debate in Paul Barker's colour-blind adoption policy, his condemnation of the majority of those who work in children's homes as an "odd bunch" with suspect motives operating a "moral cesspit" requires some justification.

Most contemporary children's homes engage people of skill, imagin-ation and persistence, often working

successfully alongside difficult and damaged young people with whom no one else wants to be bothered. Their hours of v ork are unpopular, their tob

satisfactions errane and their pay There are relatively few children's homes these days and Barnardo's is as active as any in ensuring that children have families. But good quality residential care will always be essen-

tial and the staff who work in it de-

serve better than Mr Barker's ill-

informed comments. Yours faithfully. ROGER SINGLETON. Senior Director. Barnardo's, Tanners Lane. Barkingside, Uford, Essex.

From Mr Rob Davis

December 31.

Sir. I am an adoptive father of two teenagers who have both been through the children's home system. moving on like moths when the next social worker decided on yet another 'placement". Adolescents like these are awkward enough for a "natural" family to deal with at times but doubly so when they carry into that family the baggage of insecurity, low self-esteem and probably no warm bonds with anyone at all.

Once adopted, all help for these children disappears. We who will-ingly give homes to older children do not require thanks but an acknowledgment that much more needs to be done to counsel, educate and support our families through those periods when every fibre of love and patience is stretched to the limit.

Helping damaged children find themselves in an adoptive family requires first-class resources from committed social services.

Yours faithfully. R. G. DAVIS, Cwmbrain.

Llanfairwaterdine, Knighton, Powys. December 31.

#### Nurses' training and patient care

From Mr P. J. Mahaffev, FRCS

Sir. Dr Betty Kershaw, President of the Royal College of Nursing, appears to me desperate to defend the claimed improvements to nursing which the current nurse training scheme, Project 2000, is said to have brought

about (letters, December 3i). If she is so keen to drag nursing away from its natural base as a caring, instinctive profession towards one based on science, then let her give scientific evidence that current nursegraduates make better nurses in the sense that we all expect when lying ill in bed. She cannot, because in my view there is none.

On the contrary, ask any long-serving hospital consultant such as myself, or any ward-based nurse senior enough to have a proper perspective. whether nursing is better now than it was before Project 2000. I suggest that the unanimous response will judge that it is infinitely the poorer.

Yours faithfully, PETER MAHAFFEY (Plastic and reconstructive surgeon), Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane,

From Mrs M. A. Leary, RGN, SCM Sir, Nigella Lawson (article, December 26) talked sound common sense. I

Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

gratulate Mr and Mrs Palmer for

From Mr John Raybould

Sir. Let's hope that no underemploy-

ed, dirigiste official in Brussels notices your intriguing report, "Buffalo roam on English fields" (January 2), in which Mr Bob Palmer, a Warwick-shire farmer, says that The great attraction of [water] buffalo is that they are not covered by the European Union's quota system" (unlike the Jersey cows he previously owned). Any Eurocrat now tempted to

maximise his bureau" by extending the EU's regulatory arm to reach buffalo in the UK might do well to remember the maxim "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Rather, we should all con-

World peace From Sir Timothy Garden,

Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs Sir, It was good to be reminded by Si-

mon Jenkins ("At long last, peace in our time". January I) that we all have much to be thankful for in the recent decline in "hot wars" between states. He cast himself as the optimist railing against traditional institutional pessimism. Yet his conclusion, that he is prepared to pay the price "if an occasional civil war is the price of world peace", is itself a counsel of despair.

The international community must continue to look for ways to reduce conflict, and to increase the sum of human happiness. Institutions have a very positive role to play in this task by examining potential future problems and providing timely solutions.

Yours faithfully. TIM GARDEN, Director, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, SWI.

Dr Betty Kershaw and Ms Anna Huxtable in favour of academic training for nurses. If nurses are expecting more equality with doctors, such as prescribing for patients, do they not need similar training - or are they

am unconvinced by the arguments of

supermen/women? Nurses complete their training in three to four years and are then con-LITIEG. L'OCTORS ON THE OTHE hand have five to six years' undergraduate training before the final examination and then have to serve a year in hospital before registration. There follows a minimum of three

years' postgraduate work before they

are considered anything other than

Project 2000 now means we have a system of personal care teams assigned to specific patients which can mean that the sister in overall control of a ward may not have the information to answer a simple inquiry about a patient nominally in her charge. When visiting, I have frequently seen a group of "trained" nurses sitting chatting at a nurses station apparent ly oblivious of their patients whom, because of modern ward construction. they are unable to see.

Yours sincerely, MARGARET A. LEARY. Windycroft, Brimington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

**Buffalo** market

their entrepreneurship that has apparently produced a prize-winning cheese from their buffalo milk. Cocking a snook at Brussels's com-

mon agricultural policy, Mr Palmer adds: The only limits on how much milk you can produce are the capacity of your cows and the number of cus-tomers willing to buy it." Adam Smith himself could not have described the essence of the market economy more succinctly.

Yours sincerely. JOHN RAYBOULD. High Street, Newport. Saffron Walden, Essex. January 2.

Hair of the dog

From Professor N. C. Craig Sharp

Sir. Your report (January 3) notes that drinking to stave off a hangover may be helpful but not without hazard. According to the Journal of Addictive Behaviour, fear of hangovers could explain why some people become alcoholics: they carry on drinking to avoid the unpleasant symptoms.

A Highland friend always maintained that sleep caused hangovers. No matter how much drink he had taken, he never went to bed with the headache. It was only there when he

Yours faithfully, CRAIG SHARP. 18 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham. January 3.

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#### By any other name From Mr Graham Ralph

Sir. I feel I should correct the common misapprehension that the student

union building at Manchester Metropolitan University (formerly Manchester Polytechnic) was named after Nelson Mandela (report. January 6). The building's full title during the ANC Year of the Woman in 1984 was in fact the "Winnie Mandela Build-

in 1990 when Winnie Mandela's reputation began to suffer. I believe we were one of only two student unions to have "honoured" Mrs Mandela in this way.

There is also no truth in the rumour that the student union building was renamed after Bruce Forsyth because it had a thatched roof.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM RALPH (President, Manchester Polytechnic Students Union, 1988-89), 29 Alfred Road, Gravesend, Kent.

#### Better luck next time

From Professor Emeritus Brian G. Palmer

Sir, The man behind me at the newsagent's seemed in a hurry to pay for his paper so I politely let him go ahead of me. In fact he also bought an Instant lottery ticket of the sort I was about to buy. While I was paying for my purchases he stood busily scratching his card. Joyfully he announced that he had won £200 - and my ticket

proved to be a loser. Manners clearly makyth Man poorer by £200.

Yours faithfully. B. G. PALMER, lo Stevens Lane, Peppard Common. Henley-on-Thames, Surrey. January 3.

#### Time is money From Mr Mark Bone

Sir. The enormous estimates being quoted regarding the cost of reprogramming computer date systems before December 31, 1999, (report, Business News, December 30), the so-called "millennium time bomb", have alerted me to a problem facing this

Our rubber date stamps expire on December 31, 1998.

Yours faithfully, MARK BONE, The Swan Bookshop, 12 Church Road. Teddington, Middlesex. January 3.

#### Warm work

From Mr D. E. Thomas

Sir, You report today (early editions) that Harriet Harman is proposing to fund an army of young workers to insulate the homes of pensioners. Call me a traditionalist, but I think

rolls of glass fibre or boards of polystyrene would be more acceptable to pensioners.

Yours faithfully. DEREK THOMAS. 4 Croft Close, Rowton, Chester, January 3.



#### COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM.

NORFOLK January 6: Today being the Feast of the Epiphany, a Sung Eucharist was held in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, when the customary offerings of Gold, Frank-incense, and Myrrh were made on behalf of The Queen by Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald and Air Vice-Marshal Barry Newton (Gentlemen Ushers to Her

Majesty). The Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) was the Celebrant and presented the Offerings, assisted by the Reverend William Booth (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) and the Reverend Stephen Young (Priest in Ordinary).

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty in the Chapel.

#### Today's royal engagement

The Princess Royal will attend The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association annual awards dinner at the Churchill Inter-Continental, 30 Portman Square. London, WI, at

#### Vice Admiral Sir Hugh Mackenzie

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Vice Admiral Sir Hugh Macken-zie will be held on Saturday. February 8, 1997, at 11.30am in Guildford Cathedral, Anyone who knew him is welcome.

#### The Latymer Foundation

at Hammersmith Following the announcement of the retirement of Mrs Joan Chan-dler, BA, the Governors of The Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr David Plummer, BEd (Hons), Dip HE. to be Principal of The Latymer Preparatory School from September 1997.

#### Dinner

The Athenaeum Mr Geoffrey Perry was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Jonathan Ball was in the chair.

#### Appointments

Vestern Circuit.

Mrs Honor Chapman has been appointed a Crown Estate Commissioner in succession to Mr Richard Caws whose term of office expired on December 31. Lord De Ramsey has been reappointed a

Mrs Susan Raskin has been appointed a District Judge on the



Tony Elliott, founder, Time Out Group, is 50

#### **Birthdays**

today Mr Richard Armstrong, conduc-tor, 54; Dr Tim Black, chief executive, Global Family Planning Charity, Marie Stopes Inter-national. 60; Her Honour Hazel Counsell, 66; Mr Hunter Davies, author and broadcaster, 61: Sir. Peter Graham, QC, 63: Mr Stuart Hampson, chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 50: the Right Rev Albans, 53; Mr Ian La Frenais, screenwriter and producer, 60; Mr Ross Norman, squash champion.

The Viscount of Oxfuird, 63: Sir John Page, former chairman, National Ports Council, 82: Lady (Kenneth) Scutt, former chair woman, Volunteer Centre UK. 65: Professor K.W. Sykes, chemist, 76: Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, former Lord Mayor of London. 75: Mr Will Wyatt, chief executive, BBC Network Television, 55; Mr Roger D. Young, Director-General. Institute Management 57.

### Retirement

Judge Allardice retired yesterday from the Mic Circuit bench. the Midland and Oxford

### Forthcoming marriages

Mrs Anthony Chubb. of Ripley.

Dorset, and Elena, younger

daughter of Bishop Peter Coleman

and Princess Donata. Mrs Peter

Coleman, of West Bagborough.

The engagement is announced

between Mark Humphrey, elder

son of Mr and Mrs John Colquhoun, of Frocester, Gloucestershire, and Katherine

Rosemary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Woodrow, of

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs

Maurice McLaren, of Wigston,

Leicestershire, and Kim. younges daughter of Mr and Mrs John Townsend, of Maidenhead,

The engagement is announced between Ivan. son of Mr James

Pearce, of Redlynch, Wiltshire, and Mrs Josephine Perriman, of

Pennington, Hampshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Molland, of

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr

Raymond Pearson, of Temple-ogue, Dublin and the late Mrs

Jean Pearson, and Emma, daugh-ter of Dr and Mrs Robert Billings,

The engagment is announced be-tween Mr Leslie R. Pincott, CBE, of Wimbledon. and Mrs Elaine M.

Sunderland, of Hurlingham

Court, London, The marriage will

take place in London on March I.

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs David Reid, of Logie, File, and Louise, daughter of Mrs Sue

Matthews and the late Mr Evelyn

Matthews, of Auldgirth.

The engagement is announced between Ian Schmiegelow, of Belgravia, London, and Samantha,

elder daughter of Mr Jonathan Clegg, of West Hampstead, London, and Mrs George Chester-

ton, of Malvern, Worcestershire,

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mrs

Monica Wieczorek and the late Mr

Michael Wieczorek, of Edinburgh.

and Josephine Clare, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Roberts, of Horndean, Hampshire.

of Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

and Mrs E.M. Sunderland

Mr N.A.L Chubb

Mr M.H. Colquhoun

and Miss K.R. Woodrow

Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

and Miss K.E.M. Townse

Mr N.M. McLaren

Mr I.J. Pearce

and Miss E.C. Molland

Bassett, Southampton.

and Miss E.L. Billings

Mr D I Pearson

Mr L.R. Pincott

Mr M.J.G. Reid

Dumfriesshire.

Mr LL Schmieselov

and Miss S.H. Clegg

Mr N. Wieczorek

and Miss J.C. Roberts

and Miss L.J. Matthews

Somerset

Mr R.P. Halstead and Miss L.J. Howard

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Sir Ronald Haistead and the late Mrs Yvonne Halstead, of Kensington, London, and stepson of Ms Sue Stoessl, of Chiswick, London, and Lulie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Howard, of Richmond, Surrey

Mr A.R. Beresford Campbell and Miss Z.A. MacLeod

The engagement is announced between Alexander Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Colin R. Beresford Campbell, of Hill End. Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Zoë Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rory MacLeod, of South Cheriton, Somerset.

Mr J.F.R. Birkis

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Air Commodore J.M. Birkin and of Mrs C.J. Cole. of Hawkehurch. Devon, and Philippa, daughter of Major and Mrs John Moon, of Corbridge, Northumberland.

Mr T.R. Burgess and Miss K.M.K. Byrne The engagement is announced between Tim, eldest son of Mr Ian Burgess, of Alton, Hampshire, and of Mrs T. Watson, of Boxgrove, West Sussex, and Kirstie, eldest daughter of the late Mr Nicholas Byrne and of Mrs Karie Byrne, of West Wittering, West Sussex.

Mr R.M. Fiennes Cox and Miss D. Krohn The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Fiennes Cox. of Church Oakley, Hampshire, a

Daniela, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans Krohn, of Shaw. Newbury, Berkshire. Mr R.W. Gordon and Miss C.B.A. Gibbs

The engagement is announced between Robert William, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.G. Gordon, of Lude, Blair Atholl, and Camilla. daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Kent

Mr M.D. Kinane

and Aliss T.N. Watson The engagement is announced between Matt, son of Mr Michael Kinane, of Woking, Surrey, and Tracy (Tessa), elder daughter of Mr Stuart Watson, of Willingham. Lincolnshire, and Mrs Graham Kelly, of Brussels, Belgium.

Mr FJ. Kucera and Miss S.J. Mellor
The engagement is announced between Francis, only son of the late Dr Mirosiav Kucera and of Mrs Jinny Kucera, of Reigate. Surrey, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Mellor, of Stocksmoor, West Yorkshire. Mr R. Priaulx

and Miss S.J. Hebblethwaite
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Le-Roy Priaulx, of Rimpton. Somerset, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs Rodney Hebble-thwaite, of Broadmayne, Dorset.

Mr N.W. Reynolds and Miss O.J.C. Nall and Miss E.L.R. Coleman The engagement is announced between Nathan, son of Mr and

The engagement is announced between Neil William, younger son of Mr Ian Reynolds, of Corwen. Denbighshire, and of Mrs Timothy Crook, of Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire, and Olivia Jane Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Nall, of Wellow, Nominghamshire. Mr C.E.K. Salter

The engagement is announced between Charlie, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Salter, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey, and Kate daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Binnie, of Ockham, Surrey. Mr CJ. Wordie

and Miss L.K.J.P. Binnie

and Miss H.A. Kelvin-Davies The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wordie, of Dunblane, and Holly, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alun Kelvin-Davies, of St Albans

Mr S.B. Young and Miss L.J. Bingley The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Young, of Kingston, Jamaica. and Liza, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bingley, of Hatfield Broad Oak, Hertfordshire.

#### Marriage

Mr K.G.W. Collins and Miss K.M. Hollis

The marriage took place at Christ-mas in New York, between Mr Kenneth Guy Wyndham Collins, elder son of Mr and Mrs Graham Collins, of Storrington, West Sus sex, and Miss Katharine Mary Hollis, daughter of the late Mr John Hollis and of Mrs Pauline Hollis, of Barnes, London.

#### Church news

Canon Dr John Polkinghorne Canon Theologian of Liverpool Cathedral, and recently retired as President of Queen's College, Cambridge: to be a Six Preacher o Canterbury Cathedral. The Rev Peter Rabin, Assistan Curate, Hornsey Parish Church: to be Vicar, St Peter, Cricklewood

(London). The Rev Christopher Rich, Di-ocesan Director of Social Responsibility (Winchester): to be also ar Honorary Canon of Winchester

The Rev Michael Rigby, per mission to officiate, diocese Her-eford: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), St Mary the Virgin, Bish-op's Frome: St Michael, Castle Frome: St Matthew, Frome's Hill: St Giles, Acton Beauchamp and St Andrew Evesbatch, same diocese. The Rev Richard Spray, Assistant Curate (NSM), All Saints, Cotgrave to be Priest-in-charge (NSM). Barton-in-Fabis, Š George: Thrumpton, All Saints; Kingston-on-Soar, St Winifred's, and Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Holy Trinity

### School announcements

Bedford High School
The Spring Term begins today and
ends on March 21. The Senior School and Sixth Form will be open to prospective parents and their daughters between 10.00am -12.30pm on January 11. The Sixth Form Production Daisy Pulls it Off is on January 21 and 22. Senior Entrance Examinations are on January 23. Junior assessments are on January 25 (9 plus and 10 plus). January 29 (7 plus). February 1 (8 plus). The Concert of Wind Music is on February 25. The Gymnastics Display is on March 6 and 7. The Dance Concert is on

March 12, 13 and 14.

Benenden School Term starts today at Benenden School. Open mornings for par-ents of prospective students will be held on February 8 and 22. The Arts Festival sponsored by the Founders' Memorial Fund will take place on January 31. The Founders' Lecture Medical Ethics in a Modern World, will be given by Dr David Cook on March 2. The School play, Shakespeare's The Tempest, will be performed on March 7 and 8. Seniors' Day will take place on May 17. Speaker of the Year will be Jane Mishoon. All Seniors are warmly invited, especially leavers from 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992.

Churcher's College Lent Term at Churcher's College begins today. The College entrance examination will take place on Saturday, February 1. Half term is from February 8 to February 17. The Captain of Boys Hockey is Daniel Clark and the Captain of Girls Hockey is Jemma Langford. The OCC dinner at the East India Club will be held on Friday, May 9 and bookings can be made through the College office. The OCC AGM will be held at Churcher's College on Monday, February 17, at 7,30pm. Term ends on March 21. begins today. The College entrance

Holozwood House, Colchester Spring Term begins today at Holmwood House, Cokhester, Out of the Blue will be performed on January 23-25; the Spring Concert is on Friday, March 14, and term ends with Open Morning on March 22.

The John Lyon School, Harrow The Spring Term begins today. The 11+ supplementary entrance examination is on January 21. auditions for Music Scholarships will take place on January 23 and the 13+ entrance examination on January 30 and 31. An Open Evening will be held on Tuesday. February II, 4.30pm - 6.30pm. A Chamber Concert is arranged for February 13 and the Upper School Spring Concert for March 19. The John Lyon Sports Centre and the new Memorial Library will be formally opened on Tuesday, February 18, at 2.15pm by The Duke of

The King's School, Canterbury The Lent term begins today. A Confirmation Service will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday. March 9, at which the Bishop of Maidstone will confirm. Term will end on Saturday, March 22.

Latymer Upper School, W6 Latymer Upper School, We The Spring Term commenced today at Latymer Upper School, and ends on March Zl. The Joint Concert of orchestras from Latymer Upper, Godolphin & Latymer, and the Johanneum, Hamburg will be on Tuesday, March 18, at St Paul's Church, We. The Sixth Form Gild Production on March 20-22 is Ten Times Table. Old boys who have not recently been in contact are invited to contact the OL Office at school. Details on Admissions procedures are available from the Registrar. on 0i8l 741 1851. The School has charitable status and provides quality education

The Leys School, Cambridge The Lent Term begins today with a record number of pupils contin-uing in the School. Lord Lewis of Newnham takes over as Chairman of Governors. The Governors have introduced three Sports Scholar-ships, and these will be awarded along with Academic, Music and Art Scholarships, in the week beginning February 24. The Muriel de Vinny Music Com-petition is on February 7 and the School Concerton March 14. There is an Open Morning on March 1. Term ends on March 21 and is immediately followed by the 24 hour visit for prospective pupils for September 1997.

Northbourne Park The Spring Term began on Mon-day, January 6, with 224 pupils on roll. Mr Robin Edmonds joins the school from Milner Court to teach Maths. The Year 7 pantomime will be performed on January 24 and Year 8 will host a dinner party for their parents on February 7. Year 8 and Cinquième Careers morning takes place on March 20, with term finishing after the school concert on Saturday, March 22.

Parsons Mead School, Asha The centenary year begins with the start of term today. A Service of Thanksgiving is to take place on January 22. The Centenary Ball will be on March 15 preceded by a special Cenaenary Concert. The Seniors' centenary outing is to Bruges, the Juniors' to Legoland at Windsor. Open Day takes place on July 5 and Senior Prize Giving is July 5 and Senior Prize Giving is on September 25. The drama productions in 1997 are Since Great Grandmother's Day on March 19/20, The Wizard of Oz on July 3/4/5 and Much Ado about Nothing on December 3/4/5. A book An Act of Faith telling the story of 100 years of Parsons Mead is available from the school. Old Girls are invited to telephone the school on 01372 276401 for further details of the centenary events. details of the centenary events.

Pocklington School, York The Lent Term at Pocklington School, York, begins today. Old Pocklingtonian Dinners will take place in Oxford on Saturday, Rebruary 8, and Newcastle on Saturday, March ! - times and venues to be confirmed. The new Head of the Junior School, from January 1997, will be Mr Alan

The Princess Helena College The Spring Term begins today and ends on Thursday, March 20.
Lady Staughton, JP, BA (Hons), becomes Chairman of the Board of Governors. Mrs Anne-Marie Hodghiss, BSc (London), PGCE, becomes Deputy Head Emma Hedderson continues as Head of School with Susannah Wallace and Henrietta Ellis as her Denuties. The Junior Scholarship and Entrance Examinations take place on Saturday, February 8. The annual Spring Concert will be held on Saturday, March 15, commenc-ing at 7.30pm in The Princess Alice Hall.

#### Anniversaries

cois Poulenc, composer, Paris, BIRTHS: Pope Gregory XIII, 1502; James Harrington, political theorist, Up-ton. Northamptonshire, 1611; DEATHS: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry Fuseli (Johann Heinrich Fuessli), painter, 1741; Millard Fillmore, 13th American President

King Henry VIII. Kimbolton, Huntingdon, 1536; Richard Hilliard, miniaturist, London, 1850-53, Locke Township, New 1619; Allan Ramsay, poet, Edin-York, 1800; Ouida (pseudonym of Louise de la Ramel), novelist, Bury burgh, 1758; Sir Thomas Law-rence, President of the Royal Academy 1820-30, London, 1830; St Edmunds, 1839; St Bernadette of Lourdes (Marie-Bernarde Sou-birous), Lourdes, 1844; Charles Andrei Bely, novelist and poet, Moscow, 1934; Sir Arthur Keith; Peguy, poet, Orleans, 1873; Frananthropologist, Downe, Kent, 1955;

Trevor Howard, actor, 1988; Michinomiya Hirohito, Emperor of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1989. Glasgow University was founded, 1450. Francis Bacon became Lord Chan-

cellor of England, 1618. Blanchard and Jeffries made the first air crossing of the English Channel in a hot-air balloon, 1785. The first national election in America was held, 1789. The Harlem Globetrotter baske ball team was founded, 1927.

BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

### PERSONAL COLUMN

We can approach God with this confidence: if we make requests in accord with his will, he listens to us; and if we know that our requests are heard, we also know that all we ask of him is ours. I John 5: 14,15

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On Boxing Day 1996 to Susan Jane (née Searles and Mark, a beautifu ATKINS - On Saturday 4th January 1997, to Emma (nec Lock) and Simon, a son Oliver Charles john, brother for Rosis and Sophic BATY - On january 2nd, to Alexandra (nee Sheridan-Patterson; and Patrick, a son, james William Edmund a brother for Charlotte and

BUDD - On January 2nd 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Analka (new Purdey) and Robin, a son, Cosmo Charles CANTWELL - On 2nd January at The Portland Hospital, to Laura and James, a beautiful daughter - Abigail Mary 3530 gms and 33 cms.

and healthy son, William Galloway. CHARTERIS - To Kathrya and Jamie, on New Year's Day 1997, in Malton, a daughter,

DODD - On 23rd December 1996, to Aunabelle (nec Ruston) and Jonathan, a son, Mungo William

HUNTEMAN - On Christmas Day, to Christina (nee Fricker) and Oliver, a paugmer.

ARRSCHAT - On 2nd January
1997. at Sr Thomas'
Hospital. London. to
Katherine (nee de Dariny)
and Angus, a son, Rudi Béla

LYNCH - On December 31st 1996 at St John's, Chaimsford to fions and Eichard, a daughter, Ella.

MORANT - On December 30th, to Diana and Nicholas, a daughter, Lara,

ROGERS-COLTMAN - 02 3rd January, to Alice and Julian, a son, Hugh Leslie, a brother

rot Chariss.
TEN HARR - On December 27th
at The Portland Hospital, to
Emma (noe Gosling, and
Mark, a beautiful son, Ben
Edward, a brother for
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OFPER - On lantary err at King George's Hospital, Goodmayes, to Eddle and Engl (nee Da Silva), a beautiful daughter and new world citizen, jossica Caroline. TOWERSEY . On 4th January, to Nicola and Ray, a son,

IPTON - On January 4th is daughter, Olivia, a sister for Charlotte and Alexander. WERR - On December 29th 1996, to Lucinda (Bée WER - On 4th January 1997, to David and Tibi (née Salvesen), a daughter, Saskia Beatrix Logan. WENER - On January 2nd, to Marianna (nee Lewis) and Daniel, a son, Alfred, a brother for Dylan.

in Aberdeen, to Sharon (nee Hughes) and Tim, a precious daughter, Emily Sarah, a

**DEATHS** 

ALDERSEY - Beatrice (Betty) Maud (new Stonor), peacefully on 1st january, Funeral Coddington 13th January at 1.45 pm. Family

ARCHEALD - Leonie Nonie (née Thorne Interne) on 5th January peacefully in St. Richard's Hospital. Chichester, 1968 8b. Darling wife of Reginal (Reggie) for 63 years. Dearly leved mother of Gillian and Carol and mach loved grandmother of Nicholas, jonathan and Clare and great-grandmother of Catherine, Natalie and Edward Private family cremation at 2 pm on Tuesday 14th January at Chichester Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Edward White & Son Funemi Directors, 5 South Pallant, tet (01243) 782136.

AWDRY - Helen Music Colquhoun (nee Dadson)
passed away peacefully in
her sleep on December 29th
at the Princess Margaret
Hospital Windsor Widow of
Ambrose, mother of Penny, Miles and Serena and grandmother of Rebecca, Sebastian, Jamie, Florian and Natalie, Funeral at Chilterns

rematorium, Amerikam on Monday 13th January at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Southern Appeals, 2-3 Chancery House, Tolworth Clone, Tolworth, Surrey, KT6

SISHOP - On December 30th, peacufully at home, Michael Righy, in his 71st year. Beloved husband of Beatrice. Beloved hushand of Beatrice, father of Christopher, Chantal, Joelle, Mark, Dominique, Henry and grandfather of 17 grandchildren. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Beckley (nr. Rye) on Saturday January 11th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donastions, if desired, payable to Missionaries of Charity (16. Mother Terus's Charity) or Tommy's Charity (Le. Mother Teresa's Charity) or 'Tommy's Campaign' (51 Thomas Hospital) may be sent c/o J. Ferigoe & Son, The Duka, Beckley, nr. Ryr. E. Sussex, TN31 6RR - Tel: (01797) 260316

SROWMENG - On January 3rd 1997 Captain High Waters Shelley, DSO, OBE, Royal Navy, aged 96 years. Loved Isther, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday 15th January at 130 pm. 30 flowers but donations if wished to Cancer Essearch c/o W. Smith & Sons Funeral Directors, 3A Runnymeade Parade, Ringwood Road, Emmigore, as. Christchurch, BH23 SNI.

CARR - On 1st January suddenly after a thort illness John Willmott aged 75, beloved husband of and Barbara and greatly loved uncle and warm friend to many. Funeral Service a Christchurch, Cockfosters on Thursday 9th January at 2.45 pm followed by committal at St Marylebone Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Malcolm Sargent Festival Caoir (in aid of children's charities).

201A Honor Oak Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3RP. Gravet Hill, London SE23
SRP.

CHADWICK - Vivian Anthony
(formerly of B.R.) suddenly
on 31st December, Joring
and much loved husband of
Jeanette, father of Rilary
and Nicholas, grandinher of
Alexander, Grace and
Charlotte and father-in-law
of David, Funeral will take
place at St Martin's Church,
East Woodhay, Hants, on
Friday 10th January at 2 pm,
followed by committal in
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Mark Edward

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CHILTON - Mark Edward to take place on 13th lanuary at 1.30 pm at cotake place on 13th lanuary at 1.30 pm at Colders Green trematorium. Any engulires to IM. Kempon. 9 Pond Street, Hampetend, the husband of Soste, caring son-in-law of loan Fenner, greatly loved father of lames, Sura, Terri and Timand devoted grandfather of Ben, Sophie, Edward and Georgia. Service of Thanksqiving at The Charch of St Mary the Virgin, Henley-on-Thames, on Friday, January 10th 1997 at 2.30 pm. family flowers only but donations may be sent to The Parkinson's Disease Society. 22 Upper McChurn Place. London WCHH ORA.

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(nee D'Arey Gwynne).
pencefully on 4th January at
Denham Manor Nursing
Home (recently of
Guernsey) Adored wife of
nearly 60 years of Harold
(Winkle), much loved
mother, grandmother and
sister of Norah Wheadon
Funeral enquicities to Stuart

Funeral enquiries to Stuart Price, tel: (01494) 434484. If desired, donations to St John Ambulance, Guerance 

grandfather

CORSETT Irone Margaret
(ade Mellor) aged 42 years,
passed away peacefully at
home after a long illness on
Sunday 5th January 1997
Loving wife of Eichard
(deceased). Mother of
Andrew and Catherine A
Memorial Strite will be
held to celebrate iswar's life
at St Clements Anglican
Church, Raglan Street,
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DACOMBE - On 1st Jacuary 1997 Margaret Elizabeth Dacombe, formerly of Winkton, Dorset, last surviving child of the late John Morley and Mary Elizabeth Dacombe and auni John Morley and Mary Elizabeth Dacombe and aunt of William, in her 96th year Fortified by the rites of the Church. Missed by many loving friends, Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Soplay, Hampshire, on Monday 13th January at 2pm followed by private cremation. Flowers to Miller Rome & F.P. Butler. 119 GILBERTSON - WIIIlam

Bros. & F.P. Butler, 119 Bargates. Christchurch, Domet. DEL MAR - Peacefully on 5th lancary, Billis (née Shewell) at Milliord-on-Sen. Adored wife of the late Dick, much lowed mother of John, Alan and Michael, and devoted Gran to Anna, Rugo, James, Thomas, Domine, Sam and Oliver, Expertal on Thomas, Dominic, Sam and Oliver. Funetal on Wednesday 15th January, 11.30 am at Boursemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. Ecquiries to Davies Funeral Services of Millord-on-Sea (01590 644665).

to (U1590 644664).

DIVERE - Elizabeth, widow of David Divine CBE - D.S.M. peacefully at home. Funeral to take place on 13th January at 1.30 pm at Goldens Green crematorian. Any enquiries to JM. Emmon. 9 Pond Street, Hampstend, dt. teb. (U171) 794-3535.

Campaign c/o Dunning Faneral Directors, 2 Church Close, Andover, tel: (01264) 334436

BRML - On 5th january 1997
Denis Ebrill MS FRCS aged
30 years, beloved husband
of Kate, father of Charles,
grandfather of Stephanie
and Charlotte and brother of
Norma (Dublin) Requiem
Mass Toesday 14th lanuary
at 10 am at 5t Hugh's
Church, Monks Road,
Lincoln, No flowers but
jonanions if wished to

FRANCIS - Elizabeth Mary Camilla (née Rosedale) aged 66 suddenly at home in Chichetter on January 2nd, decress mother of Mark, Anthony. Philippa and Benedict, grandmother of Thomas, Entheline, Hannah, Bovid, Abigall and Harriet, Service of Thankspring at St. Mary and St. Gabriel's Church. South Harting, Sussex, at 3 pm on Friday. CORY-WRIGHT - Michael of Sussex, at 3 pm on Friday, Codicote, Hirehin, Herts, on Friday 3rd January 1997.

Much loved by all his family.
Fulleral arrangements to be Hospices, 34'44 Britannia announced at a later date.

Street, London WUIX 9/G.

FUMMi - Lady Anne died peacefully in hospital 5th january aged 92. Mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Much beloved by family and friends. Requiem Mass Monday 13th january at 5t Mary's, Cadogan Street, London SW3 2QE at 12 noon. Further enquiries to (0171) 229-3810.

Gildertson - William Frederic, on January 4th aged 87. Dearly loved and loving husband of Joan, father of Elaine and Jenny, grandfather and great-grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St David's Church, Abercrave, on Saturday January 11th at 11:30 am. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations may be made to The British Heart Foundation clo Philip Goode Funeral Directors, Castle Street, Abergavenny, Gwent. GUPIN- frene born 1910, died peacefully 3rd January 1997. For 24 years on the staff of Godolphin School, Salisbury.

MARKIM - William Harrey,
Wing Commander DFC RAF
retd, ex BA Captain, dear
husband of Marquaret (née
Halliwell), father of Jane
and Lindy, ded on December
29th Cremotion private. No
flowers but donations to
BAF Benevolent Fund, if
desired.

HARDWG-TILLEY - Mainte (nee Gray) on January 2nd peacefully at Crowcombe Court Residential Home, mar Taunton, in her 91st year. Dearty beloved wife of the late Charles Harding-Tilley and a much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Service at Crowcombe Patish Church on Saturday January 11th at 2:30 pm. No flowers. Domations for Reling for the Disabled and enquiries to Grandfield & Son, Nother Stowey, Bridgwater, (01278) 732219.

MARRIS - After a long lilness on 2nd January at Sudden Rosse Naveing Rosse. Wincanton, Eathern (Est), formerly Howard-Tripp, late of Kensington and West Chimock, much loved wife of George, Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium at 2 pm on Tuesday 14th January Howers to Thomas Green, Station Road, Wincanton, Donations, if desired, to Cats Donations, if desired, to Cats Protection League. HARRIS - Samuel Neville of

HARRE - Samuel Neville of Egham, Survey on Linuary 1st. 1997, at St George's Hospital, Tooting, ayed 77. Much loved husband of Isy and devoted father and grandfather. Cremation Service at St Johns, Woking. 13th January at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if decired, to Critical Care Challengs, St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey MARTICAN - David, SIP. On December 30th 1996, suddenly of Hoston Moor, aged 50 years, Dearly beloved son of Marie and the

beloved son of Marie and the late john, much loved brother of Peter and Michael and brother-in-law of June and Ann, loving uncit of Mark Dawn, Daniel, Jameand Peter. Service of Thanksgiving at St Windfred's Church, Mauldeth Road, Heaton Mersey, on Thursday January 9th at 10:30 am, prior to interment at Cheadle Cemetery, Flowers If wished of it preferred, denations in David's memory may be made to The David Harrigan Annual Plano Award c'o and enquiries to George Ball & Son. 39 Derby Range, Stockport, SK4 4AB, teli; (0161) 432-2131

HODGE - Pascefully, at home, on 4th January, 1997, after a long illness. Captain Alexander Mitchell, G.C. VRD, RNVR, Writer to the Signet Dearly loved husband of Pauline, father of Sally, Bobin and Belinda and grandfather of Godfrey, Alexander and Jeremy Critien Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday, 10th January at 230 pm in St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh, Frinces Street, Edinburgh, Family flowers only, but donations may be Rade to the Friends of the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh EH4 2XO.

HOLIMES - Martin Rivington

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FSA, on 4th january 1997,
peacefully at The Lodge,
Castie Bank, aged 91:
brother-in-law of Helen and
older brother of the late
Robin, Faneral Service at St.
Lawrence Church, Applebyin-Westmorland, Cumbria on
Monday 13th january at
2.45 pm. Flowers and
enquiries to Giyn Jones
Funeral Services,
Battlebarrow, Appleby, tel:
(0276S) 351569.

HUNT - Marie-Louise (née

HUNT - Marie-Louise (née Pitrorino), peacefully, with coursys and great dignity on January 2 nd. Much loved wife of Stanley and loving mother to Nicola, Annalisa and Christopher.

and Christopher.

KARRAN - On January 1st
1997, after a long illness
havely borne in the Royal
Gwent Hospital. Frederick
James aged 73 years of
Newport S. Wales (formerly
of Black-Bourton, Oxford),
beloved husband of Doll,
much loved dad of Rod and
Lesley, dearly loved granded
of Jamis, Alex, George, Olivia
and Arthur. E.L.P. Funeral
Thursday 9th January,
Requirem Mass at St Mary's
R.C. Church, Stow Hill,
Newport, S. Wales at 10 am
to be followed by interment
at Christohurch Cemetery,
Newport.

KHLIEEN - On January 6th
1997, after a tremendous
fight against cancer, Angela

1997, after a tremendous fight spainst cancer, Angela Jarne of Bruton, Somerset. Deeply loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Service, Somerset on Friday January 10th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Oswald Clarks Funeral Directors, West End, Bruton, Somerset, tel: (01749) 813327. 81327.

LAWFORD - Patricla (nee Mayne), beloved wife and mother of Patrick and Cay (both deceased); beloved junt of Karin and Dominic Delapena, on January 2nd 1997. She will be sadly missed. Faneral Service at

missed. Faneral Service at Hawthorn Parish Church, Hawthorn Farish Church,
Hawthorn Seaham, County
Durham on Friday Innuary
10th at 2 pm. Flowers
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desired to: Arrhritis and
Rheumatiam Council,
Melrose House. East
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LAWRENCE - Sidney William Charles of Salisbury and formerly London and Beds., died peacefally on 1st Innuary 1997. Beloved husband of the late Anne and much loved father of Lesley and Jahice. Funeral Service at St Marke Salisbury at 2 pm on 10th January. Engoiries to Chris White Funeral Director, 12, South Street, Wilton, teli (01722) 744691.

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LOCKWOOD - John Crosby, Papal Knight of St Sylvester, on 1st January 1997 in Toronto aged 83. Very dear husband of Paula and much loved brother of Elizabeth More Offerrall and Martha Mair. Enquiries (01672) 564285.

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**OBITUARIES** 

### PRINCE BERTIL OF SWEDEN

Prince Bertil of Sweden. heir presumptive to the Swedish throne from 1973 to 1979, uncle of the present King and brother of Queen Ingrid of Denmark, died on January 5 aged 84. He was born on February 28. 1912.

t his last appearance at the annual Nobel Prize ceremony in Stockholm in December 1993, Prince Bertil looked a frail and tired man. He did not take part in the procession, he leant on a stick. and he looked as gaunt and ancient as his father, uncle, grandfather and great-uncles that generation of lean beanstalk" Swedish princes so familiar from old photographs. Yet there he was, as ever, in his traditional place, representing the last link between the young court of his nephew. King Carl Gustaf, and the days gone by. Prince Bertil Gustaf Oscar

Carl Eugene was the third son of King Gustaf VI Adolph of Sweden and his wife, Princess Margaret of Connaught. He was therefore one of the last surviving great-grandsons of Queen Victoria. Bertie was born in Stockholm. His grandfather, the Duke of Connaught, wrote of him and his brothers. "They have ugly noses like their father" - and their noses were indeed of somewhat snub appearance. Prince Bertil was brought up in Sweden at his grandfather's court, his childhood overshadowed by the sudden death of his mother from an ear infection (while expecting her sixth child), when he was eight.

In 1923 his father married as his second wife Lady Louise Mountbatten (a sister of Lord Mountbatten), who was weicorned into the family by Prince Bertil because he saw at once that she was kind, and also because she spoke English to them.

The Royal House of Sweden descends from Jean Baptiste Bernadotte, one of Napoleon's Marshals. Bernadotte was adopted by the childless King Carl XIII. the last of the: Holstein-Gottorps. He became



King in 1818, and Prince Bertil's grandfather, Gustaf V. was his great-grandson. Gustaf V was best known as a keen tennis player, who be-came King in 1950, was a keen scholar and an archaeologist of world renown, and a friend of the art connoisseur Bernard Berenson.

Prince Bertil was the third son, but of all his brothers he was the one most publicly connected with the monarchy. His eldest brother was killed

in a flying accident near Copenhagen in 1947; his next brother Sigvard renounced his rights and royal titles in 1934 to marry a commoner (soon to be followed by two more commoners), as did his younger brother Carl Johan (a friend of Greta Garbo), who married an American in 1946. Thus he lived his life close in line of succession and, had King Carl Gustaf been childin due course Hagglof

throne. Prince Bertil held the tifle of Duke of Halland. He was a general and an admiral in the Swedish Forces. In January 1940, he undertook a curious mission to the United States. accompanied by the Minister, Gunnar Hagglof (later Swedish Ambassador to London, and doyen of the Diplomatic Corps) to try to persuade President Roosevelt to agree to

less, he would have been the

last member of the Swedish

Royal Family eligible for the

have arms delivered to Sweden. In Detroit Prince Bertil impressed the motorcar tycoon Henry Ford with his knowledge of engines.

asked the President to receive

Prince Bertil at the White House. The occasion became nformal once the Prince and his party were past the guards. "Hello, my dear Bert," was Roosevelt's greeting. Then he listened to descriptions of the Swedes' attempts to buy armaments and aircraft, and threw in some helpful advice. Finally he asked the Prince if there was anything else he needed Yes." replied Prince Bertil. We are interested in a cruiser." Within minutes the President was porting over a volume of Jane's Fighting Ships and selected Pensacola as a suitable craiser to help to keep peace in the Baite. The mission continued with interviews with the Secretary of State and the leaders of the two parties but was finally thwarted by apposition from the isolationist Senator Hiram Johnson of California. They prospect cruiser-less to Sweden. Later. Prince Bertii was sent to London, where he served as assistant navaj anaché from 1942 to 1945.

Prince Bertii was a keen sportsman in his youth, excelling at the riigh jump and at cross-country skiing. He was also fend of racing Buganis. The image was that of a playboy, and while serving at the Swedish Embasy London, he formed an attachment with Mrs Lillian Craig, a Swansea-born ballerina and

Under the Art of Succession. univ males were in line to the throne. Because Prince Bertil was so close in the succession. and because his father disapproved of divergees, he was not allowed to marry Mrs. Craig. However, she came to live in Sweden in 1957 and lived openly with Prince Bertil for many years.

Towards the end of his life, King Gustaf Adolph made friends with her and she began to appear in public with Prince Bertil. The old King gave them his blessing to marry after his grandson's accession, and when there was a new Oueen of Sweden. There was a curious phase when Mrs Craig attended royal functions but was not seated with Prince Bertil, nor appeared in official group photographs. She attended the old King's funeral in 1973.

The present King married a commoner in June 1976, and soon afterwards his uncle's marriage took place. They were married in Stockholm, on December 7, 1976, in the presence of the King and Queen and Queen Ingrid of Denmark. Thereafter Princess Lillian

became a Royal Highness, was invested with the requisite Swedish Orders, and took her place at all royal ceremonies. She managed to look more royal than many of those born with royal blood. The honeymoon was spent in Kenya and at the couple's villa in the South of France.

in 1980 the laws of succession were changed enabling King Carl Gustaf's then infant daughter, Princess Victoria, to be heir to the throne. This was done to ensure the succession. there being a dearth of eligible male heirs.

Prince Bertil represented the King of Sweden at the Coronation in 1953. He was appointed an honorary GCB by the Oueen during her state visit to Sweden in June 1956. The visit was followed by the Equestrian Olympic Games, attended by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Marga-ret, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. As a great connoisseur of food and a cordon bleu cook. Prince Bertil oversaw a special lunch in a tent, but unfortunately the British royal party were so engrossed in the cross-country event that they were reluctant to miss a moment of it. By the time they came in, Prince Bertil's culinary efforts were somewhat dellated, but he took it all in good heart.

He was present at many ceremonies on behalf of Sweden in the United States. In July 1966 he headed the Swedish delegation to the Soviet Union to study the organisation of sport there. Prince Berti! and Princess

Lillian lived in Stockholm, but also had a villa in the South of France. In July last year, in frail health, he received the Sandinavian press at his home in Tylosan and showed them the devices he used to assist with his decreased mobility. Princess Lillian survives him. They had no children.

#### HARRY HELMSLEY

Harry Heimsley, New York property tycoon. died on January 4 aged 87. He was born on March 4, 1909.

HAD he never met a property broker named Leona Roberts. Harry Helmsley would probably have been remembered as an efficient, rather colourless businessman who had made a fortune on the New York property market. But, with Leona as his second wife. Helmsley was thrown onto the public stage, first as one of the most visible figures of Manhattan case society during the 1980s and later, after the Helmsleys were indicaed for tax evasion in 1988, as a target of the tabloid press.

Harry Brakmann Helmsley was raised in the Bronx where his father ran a dry goods company which went bonkrupt during the Depression - and was steered into property by his ambitious mother, the daughter of a successful landlord. His first job, at the age of 16. was collecting rents in the roughand-tumble Manhattan neigh-bourhood of Hell's Kitchen at a wage of \$18 a week.

Joining the property firm of Dwight, Voorhis & Perry, he worked his way up. He bought his first New York office building in 1936 for \$1,000. After ten years. Helmsley sold the property on for \$165,000. He was made a partner in that firm in 1938. He continued to buy the

seldom sold) and at the age of 40 began to make a real mark on the city's property market, when he entered into a partnership with the property lawyer Lawrence Wien. Wien would raise the money. Helmsley find and make the deals. Their first big splash was buying the Empire State Building in 1961 for \$65 million. Helmsley was a brilliant negotiator, but he had other talents, too. He pioneered a method of buying leases, rather than buying properties outright, which eased tax burdens on investors. And he took

There was nothing flamboyant about this gentle, inscrutable oft 3in businessman. who converted to Quakerism to please his wife Eve, and nothing to turn him into a public figure. All that changed when in the early 1970s he met Leona Roberts. Twice mar-ried, she had by then founded

pains to save money wherever

possible.



Leona and Harry Helmsley in New York, 1991

her own successful property firm. In 1971 Helmsley hired her as a vice-president of Brown, Harris, Stevens, a subsidiary of his fast-growing property empire. Helmsley-Spear. Leona quickly discusered that the route to Harry's affections lay through ballroom dancing, and took up dancing with a passion.

Divorcing Eve, he married

Leona in 1972. Goaded on by her ambition, he rapidly expanded his empire into hotels. During the 1970s he built the Park Lane Hotel near Central Park: the super-de-luxe Helmsley Palace (now the New York Palace and originally converted from the Archbishop's residence behind St Patrick's Cathedrall: and the Harley, near Grand Central Station. Having acquired the Hospitality Motor Inns. he formed a chain of Helmsleys, Harleys and a couple of Sher-atons, and made his wife its president. Under Leona's tutelage, "Hungry Harry". as he began to be called, was acquiring a reputation as a ruthless

landlord, expert at avoiding unkeep on his buildings. By the end of the 1980s, the Helmsleys were said to have amassed a fortune of \$1,400 million. Mostly they were part-owners of buildings but they did nothing to dispel the widely held impression that they owned it all outright, including the Empire State Building, which Harry used to floodlight red, white and blue for Leona's July 4 birthday, falling on the same date as

Independence Day. But behind the Helmsleys' business success, Leona was privately becoming obsessive about saving money. Convinced that people were trying to hoodwink them, she treated

her staff with paranolo and breathtaking rudeness. Arbitrary sackings were commonplace. Harry Helmsiev was probably the more blameless of the couple, both in their personal and business dealings. But he was now becoming noticeably old and forgetful, thus allowing Leona an even freer hand.

It was her vindictiveness and meanness that eventually led disgruntled employees to leak stories both to the press and to the tax authorities. In April 1988 the Helmsleys were charged with 235 counts of evading more than \$4 million

In the event, when the case came up in June 1989, a federal judge in Manhattan ruled that Harry Helmsley, who was then 80 and had suffered a series of small strokes, was unfit to stand trial. The 68year-old Leona, though, did stand trial, and had her words used against her, when her former housekeeper recalled that her employer had once told her: "We don't pay taxes. The little people pay taxes."

After a nine-week trial, Leona Helmsley was found guilty of evading more than \$1 million in taxes, but acquitted of a more serious extortion conspiracy charge. In April 1992 she began a four-year jail sentence. Her husband ordered the lights of the Empire State Building to be turned off on her first night in prison.

Now noticeably senile, Helmsley continued in appearance at least to run his vast business empire, but shied away from publicity. His wife was released from jail after 20 months. She survives him. He had no

#### DR MICHAEL LINNETT

Dr Michael Linnett. OBE, Apothecary to the Prince of Wales and his family, 1983-90, and Chairman of Council, the Royal College of General Practitioners, 1976-79.

died on December 6 aged 70. He was born on July 14, 1926. MICHAEL LINNETT was.

first and foremost, a superb general practitioner - kind, conscientious, reliable, with exceptional clinical acumen. He counted among his patients many people in public life, and had the distinction in 1983 of becoming Apothecary to the Prince and Princess of Wales, serving actively until illness compelled his retire-ment from practice in 1990. He also, for more than a quarter of a century, made an important contribution to the affairs of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Michael Joseph Linnett was born in Leicester and educated there at Wiggeston Grammar School, where he formed an early intention to study medicine. He entered St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, qualifying in 1949; while there he served as editor

of the Bart's Journal. This was the beginning of a lifelong devotion to Bart's, something he shared with his wife Jill, who trained there as a nurse and for many years ran the hospital shop. After



serving in the Royal Air Force for four years, he returned to Bart's as a registrar under Sir Ronald Bodley Scott, before joining, in 1957, the Kensingion general practice then headed by Dr John Hunt (later Lord Hunt of Fawley), where he remained for the rest of his career. He made his first contribu-

tion to the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1957. when he helped to start its library. He was elected to the college council in 1970, serving as its chairman from 1976 to 1979, a period during which the college took on an additional house next door and amassed evidence for a Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

At the same time, 1977-81, he was a member of the Medi-

cines Commission, serving on the adverse reactions committee and the committee on the safety of medicines. He had previously been the first general practitioner to act as chairman of Prescriber's Journal, which is issued by the Department of Health to all doctors in the National Health Service. For this work he was appointed OBE.

He was elected to the Court of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1985 and served as chairman of the Livery Committee. He also acted as medical adviser to the Independent Broadcasting Authority and was president of the Chelsea Clinical Society.

Michael Linnett was a perfectionist at work and at home. He had memorable handwriting, a page of which made a delight for the eye (and a shaming contrast with that of most medical colleagues). He had a lifelong enthusiasm for music and was a keen and talented pianist and organist. playing alone or with others almost every day. France was another great love, and he spoke French fluently.

In 1973 he and his wife lost their only son at the age of 20, a blow from which he did not fully recover. The six years before his own death were clouded by a series of strokes, the first of which caused his premature retirement from practice. He is survived by his

wife and their two daughters.

#### FLOODS IN THE CITY. HOMES VACATED.

Just after midnight the River Thameoverflowed its banks in London and flooded many low-lying areas in the City, Southwark and Westminster. High tide at London Bridge was due at 1.30 a.m., and as that hour drew near the water- spread farther and farther, blocking the streets and flooding the lower storeys of the buildings on the river's edge.
It was an evceptionally high tide, and the

waters of the river, swollen by the recent storms, soon swept over the banks at the Houses of Parliament, Temple Pier, Upper Thames-street and in Southwark. Before long the Embankment by the Temple was covered with water for a distance of over 200 yards, and water was running into Temple Gardens. Traffic was stopped and the tramear service interrupted.

By Upper Thames-street men who were at work in a cold storage warehouse had to make their escape before the oncoming waters and seek safety. The Fire Brigade was summoned and firemen released a number of horses which were in stables in the threatened area Bankside was completely flouded and residents were awakened by the police and

urged to icave their homes without delay. Carts were used to convey them through the

#### ON THIS DAY

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The Thames, tidal as far as Teddington, was often in danger of flooding until the Thames Barrier was completed in 1982 at Woolwich. On this occasion 14 people were drowned.

flooded streets to places of safety. The water was rising so quickly that many who were roused from their sleep simply threw a blanket round their shoulders and made their escape in their night attire. In Sumner-street, which runs parallel to Southwark-street, the water extended the whole length to the Southwark Bridge end, and in some places was over 4ft, in depth.

The river overflowed into the terraces of the Houses of Parliament and into the subway at the House of Commons. It came like a waterfall over the parapet and into the open space at the foot of Big Ben. The water penetrated into Old Palace Yard shortly after 1 o'clock, and in many parts it was about a foot

deep.
The upper tidal reaches of the Thames experienced in the early hours of this morning perhaps the highest flood in living memory. From Teddington Lock to Hammersmith Bridge all the kw-lying portions of the riverside gardens and grounds were under water, as was also the towing path between Kew and Teddington.

There was very serious flooding in the Milibank district, and in some of the streets near Horselerry-road the water was 4ft deep. Residents had to be summoned from their beds and many were taken from their homes on the backs of horses which were commandecred from neighbouring stables.

A man who was asleep in a basement room in Horseferry-road was overwhelmed by the inrush of water and drowned. The body of a middle-aged woman was taken from the basement of a house in Causton-street, Vauxhall Bridge. She had been drowned by water from the river, which had flooded the neighbourhood of the bridge.

Near Victoria, too, there was a great deal of flooding, and there were reports of other cases of drowning, but these could not be



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# Pressley proves himself the king of defenders



INVESTMENT in a Dundee United defender has proved profitable for players in The Times Interactive Team Football competition. Steven Pressley's two goals against Aberdeen on New Year's Day helped to give him a points tally of 14 this week, the highest by one player in the

Both the weekly and the monthly winners included Pressley. The weekly winner. Mr P. Dolan, of Evesham, scored 71 points, with his team. Evesham Earners, over the week to win his £250 prize. The monthly winner was Mr D. Edmondson, of Worthing, whose team Edmo Utd scored 136 points and thus leaves Mr Edmondson £1,000 better off. Mr Dolan's team is:

Goalkeeper M Bosnich (Aston Villa)

M Malpas (Dundee Utd) S Pearce (Nottm Forest)

Central defenders F Leboeuf (Chelsea) S Pressley (Dundee Utd)

Midfield players S Agnew (Sunderland) R di Matteo (Chelsea) M Isaias (Coventry) D Lennon (Raith)

Strikers D Saunders (Nottm Forest) A Shearer (Newcastle)

Manager B Little (Aston Villa)



Humphreys scores his second goal against Grimsby. The Sheffield Wednesday forward gained five points this week



To improve your fortunes, you can use the ITF transfer system, which allows you to

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS 13604 40506 61302 MOVED 53007 LOANED PLAYERS Ri van der Laan (Derby to Wolvertampton, one week). Ri Ferdmand (West Ham to Bounemouth, one week); Differstate (Tottenham to Swindon, two weeks). Millingtat (Sheffall of Wednesday) to Millingt, one week). Ki Soot (Tomerham to Charlton, two weeks): Vi Brown (West, Ham to Burningham, two weeks): Entigerated (Windholdon to Millingt), two weeks). Two weeks) change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes - the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

☐ All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122

### ENTER A NEW TEAM FOR THE NEW YEAR

THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

You could be an ITF wirmer in the New Year, the Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week or month.

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community - as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

#### Enter today by following the instructions below. Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

- L You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone).
- Choose I goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
- 3. Do not spend more than £35 million.
- 4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.
- 5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

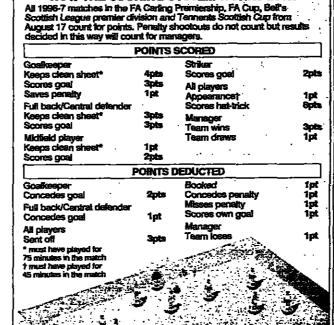
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b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.

c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal dentification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 45p per minute cheap rate and 50p per minute at all other times. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.



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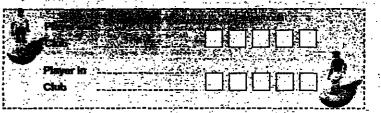
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The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for noon each day will become effective immediately matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

It a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the comp adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Cells will be charged at 45p per minute cheep rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.



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### THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### Blair wants beggars off the streets

Tony Blair has backed the use of aggressive policing tactics against homeless petty criminals as part of a drive to clear the streets of beggars, vagrants and people sleeping rough.

In an interview in this week's Big Issue, a magazine distributed by homeless people, Mr Blair supported the "zero tolerance" policy practised in New York where the police clamp down hard on people guilty of minor crimes or anti-social . Page I

#### Hopes rise for British solo sailor

Hopes rose for Tony Bullimore, the British solo yachtsman missing in the Southern Ocean, after a manually activated distress signal was picked up, seeming to confirm that he was alive. Thierry Dubois, another competitor in the Vendée Globe race, was spotted on the upturned hull of his boat ... Pages 1, 2

#### **Dutch request**

The Dutch Government will seek assurances from John Major that Britain's general election cumpaign will not stand in the way of efforts to reshape the European Union...

#### My vendetta

The publicist Max Clifford, who orchestrated the disclosures of the MP Jerry Hayes's affair, admitted that he was waging a "personal vendetta" against the Government... .... Page I

#### Toy sales down

Selling the wrong toy in the wrong place made it a dismal Christmas for Toys 'R' Us, the world's largest toy chain. It reported no increase in sales over 

#### Blair attacks ads

Tony Blair accused the Tories of negative advertising as they launched the first round of a multimillion-pound pre-election publicity campaign .....Page 2 Heir behind bars

Peter Curzon, heir to Viscount Scarsdale, remained in custody despite agreeing to pay his former wife several hundred thou-.....Page 3 sand pounds .....

Fight for mother's life Two children tried to save their mother's life after she was stabbed. They dialled 999 and followed instructions to try to staunch the bleeding......Page 3

#### Up and away

Bad weather in Morocco cleared and Richard Branson's attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon was expected to lift off. Prayers for spiritual guidance for him were said in mosques ......Page \$

#### Easy listening

The first chart of the Top 50 "crossover" albums, music that is neither pure pop nor truly classical, has been published, with The Best Opera in the World . . . Ever, at No I .... Pages 6, 17

#### School place losers

Single mothers would be among the biggest losers if a Labour government fulfilled the party's pledge to abolish the Assisted Places Scheme, a survey in schools has found.....Page 8

#### Hebron initiative

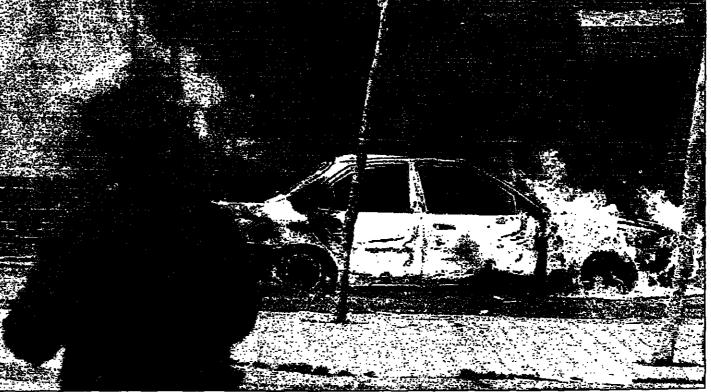
The American negotiator launched an intense effort to break the deadlock over Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank city of Hebron ..... Page 9 **US murder rate falls** 

The number of murders in America fell by 7 per cent in the first half of 1996, continuing a threeyear trend, according to a nationwide survey by the FBI ... Page 10 Milosevic warned

The Yugoslav military gave President Milosevic a warning when the army commander assured students that he would not intervene against them .... Pages 11. 17

#### Toon English for the tourist

☑ The British Tourist Authority's Geordie phrasebook for foreign visitors to Newcastle upon Tyne, the UK's "party city", suggests that "Whey ye bugger man! I'm gannin' doon toon to get mortal drunk and find some tottie," could be rendered Good gracious me. I am going into Newcastle to get one to: many drinks and find some desirable young lady"...... Page 5



The getaway car used in yesterday's IRA rocket attack on Belfast High Court burning in the Markets area of the city. Page 2

BUSINESS

Woolwich: More than 2.5 million members will receive an average of £1,200 in free shares if they vote to convert the building society into a .. Page 23

Railway float: GB Railways, which won the Anglia rail franchise, doubled its market value at the start of share dealings ...... Page 23

Flop: SBC Warburg, the merchant bank, lost more than El million after only 0.56 per cent of shareholders backed a cash call from Azlan, a computer products

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 17.0 points to close at 4106.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index slipped from 95.8 to 95.7 after a fall from \$1.6916 to \$1.6844 but a rise from DM2.6345 to DM2.6369... Page 26

Football: Howard Wilkinson, the former Leeds United manager, agreed a four-year contract to become the Football Association's first technical director ...... Page 44 Rugby union: Brian Ashton, Bath's

SPORT

chief coach, ended his seven-year association with the club. He will be replaced by Andy Robinson. who is still a player..... Page 44 Cricket: The England tourists were in remarkably good heart when they finally arrived in Auckland after a 30-hour journey from Zimbabwe, of which 14 hours were

spent in the air ...... Page 44 Tennis: Tim Henman, the British No I, has risen five places to 24 in the world rankings, his highest placing yet, after reaching the final of the Qatar Open ..... Page 44

☐ General: England and Wales

will start mostly cloudy and dull

with a slight frost generally. The

day will be mostly cloudy with an occasional snow flurry here and there. There will be brighter patches, especially in the west. Some patchy freezing fog is possible, more especially over northeast England and this may linger well into the afternoon

Change of scene: English National Opera has alarmed its fans by deciding to sell its home of 29 years at the Coliseum and build a new opera house......Page 31

ARTS

Singing Canaries: The great Spanish tenor Alfredo Kraus has for some years lent his name to a singing competition in the Canary Islands: this year he is also lending his voice, in the shape of duets with the winners.. Born again: London showcases a new chapter in the artist Anselm

Kiefer's tortured exploration of German history ... ....Page 33 Forest art: Deep in the New Forest

an arts centre is taking shape in a converted hotel stable block, with the aim of becoming a model for other rural areas ....

### TOMOBROW - \*

hold for Brocket Hall while its aristrocratic former owner is in jail?

Your chance to win a trip to New York, a JFAX account

Taking the acid test: An imbalance

between alkaline and acid in our bodies can affect the way we behave and cause disease ..... Page 12 Using food: Deborah Bull, prima ballerina, on the connection between what we eat and the type of energy it supplies......Page 13

BODY WID WHILE Royalty or republicanism: The big television debate ..... Page 14

Champion liberal: The British welfare state was the great civilising force of the 20th century, says J.K. ...... Page 15 Galhraith.....

New ground rules: The ancient finders-keepers rule will soon be changed, thanks to the Treasure Act, 1996.

Royal year for stamps: Special issues will include the Oueen's golden wedding anniversary, the 450th anniversary of Henry VIII's death and the royal horses.

The intervention in the Central African Republic risks mobilising African opinion against France. Is there not room for a new vision of relations between France and the dark continent? —Le Monde

#### TYLISTINGS

Preview: A much-missed gardener presents his final series. Geoff Hamilton's Paradise Gardens (BBC2, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on a Rebecca without the Hitch-

#### OPINION

#### It started in tears

New Year, new opportunity, new launch and new embarrassments arrived for the Conservative Party ... Page 17 this week .....

#### Forward in Belgrade

The battle for democracy in Serbia is at last attracting support from within the hierarchy, which Mr Milosevic cannot easily pretend to ....Page 17 ignore....

#### Classic priggery

The proper criticism of Classic FM is not the brevity of its extracts but the long-windedness of its presenters. Music and culture have many mansions.....

#### Section 1 LIBBY PURVES

This is the big one, the first campaign of election year. Thought and money and Saatchi magic have been poured into it with a lavishness born of desperation; the very models were made to sign written undertakings that they will not reveal their identities. It would never do for them to be photographed grinning, kissing the cheque or voting Lib Dem ...

#### **WOODROW WYATT**

The discussions between Labour and the Liberal Democrats show Tony Blair's lack of confidence in Labour being able to form a government on its own. I understand Mr Blair's reasoning. He suspects that despite his big lead in the opinion polls, he too will be unable to sustain a government without Liberal backing, and he wants to settle the terms ..... ...Page ló

#### TOTAL PROPERTY.

Prince Bertil, heir presumptive to the Swedish throne, 1973-79; Harry Heimsley, New York property tycoon; Dr Michael Linnett, Apothecary to the Prince and Princess of Wales, 1983-90 ..... ...Page 19

Drink-driving; the Hayes affair; adoption and social workers; nurses' training: buffalo escape Eurocrats; hangover cure; peace in our time...

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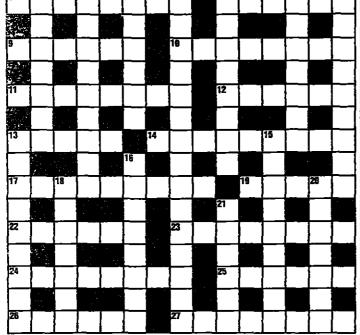
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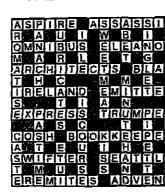


- I Times may indicate the need to increase thus (8).
- 6 Judge relative to be so sprightly
- 9 Bookmaker's threefold approach
- 10 Removes caps, seeing peace-keeper s squads (S). 11 Open-mouthed, taking a drink in
- this fountain (S). 12 It limits the propagation of sound
- puzzie (6). 13 Majority of ladies contrived to get
- 14 Produce vort of blue in another colour that's intensified (9).

the last word (5).

- 17 East doubled one club hid in order to show compliance (9). 19 Strong right arm of Nelson (5).
- 22 Slowly added to the score (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,369



- 23 No basis for a picture? (8). 24 Make clear where university
- stands on evil source of wealth (8). 25 Shot iron over stronghold (6).
- 26 Head girl with East Indian roots
- 27 Make fewer records, being lethar-

- 2 Released characters within bunch of advanced years (7). 3 Old soldiers provide musical
- instruction (9). 4 Encourage without delay (6).
- 5 The denouement is uncertain in this pleasant play (3.5.3.4).
- 6 Collection of jokes to be endlessly cracked? (4-1). 7 Ready for what must be done (7).
- 8 The solution for it lies close at
- 13 Oil is not a problem in remote 15 King's abandoned failure, but it
- could be line (9). 16 Pretty compatible (8).
- 18 Part of American uniform displayed by Revere (Paul) etc. (7). 20 Side-tracks several trains initially put in (7).
- 21 Monstrous woman removing leaders of movement (6).

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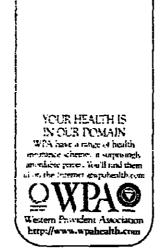
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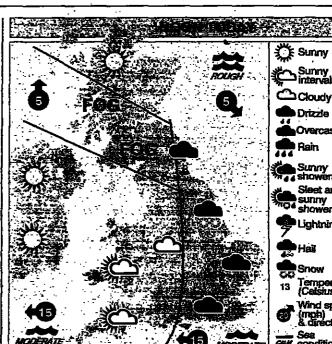
POREGAST cold wind, Max 02C (36F) ☐ Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW Eng-land, Lake District, Isle of Man: mostly dry and cloudy but some brighter spells. Frost early and late. A cold wind. Wind east moderate. Max 03C (37F) ☐ NE England, Borders, Edin-burgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, sgow: generally dull and

linger well into the afternoon. Scotland and Northern Ireland will misty with patchy freezing log lingering all day in places. Wind light and variable. Max 01C (34F). also have a good deal of cloud though snow flurries and brighter spells are possible anywhere. Aberdeen, Central High-Freezing fog patches over central lands, Moray Firth, NE Scot-land, Argyli, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: mainly dry but rather Scotland may persist all day. Everywhere will remain cold. ☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N: cloudy. Occacloudy. Frost early and late. Wind light and variable. Max 04C (39F). ☐ Outlook: remaining very cold with night frosts. Snow in the southwest later.

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Warburg

loses £1m

as Azlan

issue

collapses

SBC WARBURG, the merchant bank, was left nursing losses of El million yesterday after the collapse of its £48.5 million rights issue for Azlan, the computer networking The bank was obliged to buy

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**TUESDAY JANUARY 7 1997** 



Cementing a deal: Ross Dunn, right, personnel director of Blue Circle Cement, and Roger Davies, a driver at the company's Couldon works, near Alton Towers, Staffordshire, celebrate a ground-breaking job security deal announced yesterday, under which Blue Circle pledges there will be no compulsory redundancies for five years. Report, page 24

### Wickes shares return today

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TRADING in Wickes shares will restart today, six months after their suspension after the discovery of serious accounting irregularities. The move is widely expected to smoke out a bidder for the DIY chain.

The company's heavily discounted £53.2 million rights issue and its capital reorganisation were backed by shareholders yesterday at an extraordinary general meeting. The one-for-one issue was priced at 150p per share after a ten-for-one consolidation, making them equivalent to 15p per existing share. Payment is due by January 27.

Shares in Wickes, whose former senior managers are facing investiga-tion by the Serious Fraud Office, were suspended at 67p on June 25. Analysts reckon that the shares are likely to start trading today at between 170p and 200p — equivalent to 17p to 20p before the consolidation — although hid speculation could drive them higher.

Kingfisher, owner of

the B&Q chain, is considered the most likely buyer of Wickes, although it may hang back to see whether any other potential buyers emerge. The other main contender is expected to be RMC's Great Mills. However, one analyst sugg that any bid was likely to be pitched low. "No one has been able to make money in this end of the

Michael von Brentano, chairman, told yesterday's meeting that Lord Sieff and Peter Humphries, former non-executive directors, have not yet waived their right to a pension from the company but were being encouraged to do so: Mr Brentano and Robert Burrow deputy chairman, have already waived their right. The company also said that it expects tomake further changes to the board in the near

future. Mr Brentano told shareholders that Wickes is discussing the sale of its continental European operations with a number of possible buyers.

# Woolwich share bonanza offers average of £1,200

Society's 2.57 million members will receive shares worth more than £1,200 on average, up to a maximum of around £5,437 each, if they approve the society's conver-sion to a bank, set for July. The Woolwich's transfer document published yester-day values the society at en £2.96 billion and

£3.38 billion. At the midpoint value of £3.17 billion, each share would be worth 1872 p.

Of the 2 million qualifying savers, 1.12 million had been members for more than two

GB RAILWAYS, which last

month won the Anglia rail

franchise, more than doubled

its market value yesterday

when its shares started trad-..

ing on the Alternative Invest-

ment Market.
The shares, placed with

institutions at 100p, closed at 2102p, leaving the start-up

company valued at £18.4 mil-

lion. This takes the value of the

stake split between Michael

Schahas and Max Steincops,

two of its directors, to £2.44

million. The two each made a

paper profit of £640,000

yesterday.

The company, chaired by

Lord Sheppard of Didgemere

and which started running the

London to Norwich train ser-

vice on Sunday, has raised

£6.3 million from its flotation.

It has pledged to spend £2

million on improving stations,

to start a daily service between

London and Great Yarmouth

and serve Stratford station

when the Jubilee Line exten-

sion opens. It must raise

All qualifying members -accounts on December 31, 1995 and December 31, 1996 - will receive 450 free shares, worth-£844 at the midpoint value. This is at the top end of analysts predictions. The society's 530,000 borrowers and receive just this basic bonus.

able bonus as well. This bonus will be calculated on the lower of two balances on December 31, 1995 and February 11, 1997, the date of the special general meeting at which members will vote on the conversion proposals.

Qualifying savers with at least £1,000 will receive four free shares for each £100 in their account. On this basis, they will receive a minimum of 40 extra shares and a maximum of 2,000. They include 60,000 savers with balances of £50,000 or above and stand to gain the maximum

bonus worth around £5,437. Children will not vote on the conversion but will be entitled to a statutory cash bonus of 10 per cent of their balance if the account is in their name. The Woolwich said yester-

day that if it had known in advance about proposed changes to conversion rules contained in the new Building Societies Bill published in December, it would have pressed ahead with mergers and acquisitions before it years with between £1,000 and came to the stock market. £50,000 in their accounts and

GB Railways makes

express start on AIM

By Fraser Nelson

punctuality standards from 90

per cent to 91 per cent by next

year, and will launch a trial

coach service between Col-

chester and Stansted Airport.

Although GB Railways has

raised its own money from the

City, Opraf, the rail franchis-

ing office, has agreed to a subsidy of £35.9 million for its

first year of the franchise,

Sheppard: spending plans

tion trail after conversion will lose their five-year protection from hostile takeovers. The society is lobbying for the Bill to be rewritten to allow societies to complete friendly mergers without losing protection.

John Stewart, chief executive, said that if the Woolwich

THE Woolwich Building will qualify for an extra vari- societies that go on the acquisi- was "unfettered" by this rule he would be interested in "a building society in the North of the country". Analysts speculated that this was most likely to have been the Northern Rock, but could have included the Bradford & Bingley, Skipton and Yorkshire societies.



John Stewart with the Woolwich transfer document yesterday

phased down to £6.3 million

per year in seven years' time.

stunning debut down to specu-

lation in the City that GB

Railways will next month be

named the preferred bidder

for the Thameslink franchise.

The line, which connects com-

muters to London from Brigh-

ton and Luton, is acknow-

ledged as being one of the

most lucrative franchises from

the seven which Opraf has yet

It will face head-on opposi-

tion from Stagecoach and

National Express, who are

also bidding for all seven of

the remaining franchises. However, GB Railways is

seen as the most likely candi-

date as Stagecoach already

runs some of London's buses

and National Express oper-

ates the Gatwick Express and

Midland Main Line rail

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franchises.

Analysts put the company's

After the resignation last year of Peter Robinson, the society's former chief executive, after revelations of expenses irregularities, a number of organisations approached the society believing that it was in disarray and hoping to get it for a knock-down price. But none of the approaches reached the stage of negotiating prices or condi-

tions, Mr Stewart said. The Woolwich has appoint ed Schroders as its financial adviser and sponsor for the

☐ There are still payouts to come from the following

● Alliance & Leicester 24 million members. Basic payout 250 shares worth

£1,000 in April. • Halifax. 9 million members. Average payout of £1.000 in June. Northern Rock. I million nembers. Average payout

£1,000 in the autumn. ● Bristol & West. 1 million members. Average payout, two years' standing. £1,000 in

### Pressure grows for rise in rates

By Janet Bush, economics editor

THE latest British money supply figures published yesterday support aneodotal evidence that the Christmas shopping season got off to a slow start but then enjoyed a lively late spurt.

Overall, retailers seem to have had a good month and many in the City now believe that the Chancellor will be under pressure from the Bank of England to raise base rates at the monetary meeting next Wednesday.

The narrow measure of money supply, M0, grew 0.9 per cent in December. Notes and coins in circulation which account for the bulk of MO with bankers' deposits making up the rest - rose 0.7 per cent. Although the relationship is far from certain, economists still look at growth in M0 as a guide to retail sales activity.

Annual growth in total MO dipped to 7.1 per cent in December from 7.4 per cent in November, largely because of

a strong burst of growth in the measure a year ago. However, year-on-year growth in the important notes and coins component stuck at 7.4 per cent.

The Government no longer targets M0 but has a monitoring range for growth in the measure of 0 to 4 per cent. Although few in the City believe that M0 points to anything like a 1980s boom, it has still been above its monitoring range for nearly four years. This is likely to contribute to the Bank's desire for higher rates.

David Bloom, of HSBC James Capel, said that he expects base rates to be raised by a quarter point after next week's meeting. Kevin Darlington, of Hoare Govett, agreed. He said that the Chancellor may have preferred to wait until February's meeting when fourth-quarter growth figures would have been published, but that these figures are expected to be

strong in any case.

#### **BUSINESS TODAY**

2.22 million shares at 640p each, 1.42 million of which it then sold off in a pool at 550p. each, incurring a loss of £1.3 shares by the close of trading. Azlan wanted to buy Akam, a Dutch computing company, for 529.6 million. It was offer-

ing its new shares on a threeíor-ten basis at 620p each., while its own shares were trading at 740p apiece. However, its shares kept falling weeks after they adjusted for the issue, dropping to 506p.

Analysts said the plunge came after the rights issue drew attention to Azlan's flag

ging growth rate. There is said to be concern that its margins may now be starting to slip as its product — networked computer services - begins to become more established and other companies join in. There was also concern about why the sum Azlan was planning to raise was £19 million over the

The flop has drawn further attention to the City's rights issue structure, in which it is standard to charge a flat rate of 2 per cent commission regardless of the company

costs of the acquisition.

Warburg had agreed to a lower commission of 158 per cent of the issue, growing by 's per cent for every week after the 30 days' period. It has given Azlan a £25 million bridging loan for which it is charging £50,000. Azlan has agreed to

pay a total fee of £593,000. Azlan's shares rose 24p to 570p yesterday.

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#### Bonus cut

General Accident cut annual bonuses given to two million policyholders but denied that endowment policyholders would have to increase their premiums. Friends Provident announced falls in its

#### On the defensive

The consolidation of the American defence industry took another big step forward with the \$3 billion purchase yesterday of the weapons division of Texas Instruments by Raytheon. Page 25

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### Blue Circle workers put security before pay

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BLUE CIRCLE, the cement company, looks set to win approval tomorrow for a new long-term job security agreement with its employees after concluding a five-year partnership deal with its core fleet drivers.

The agreement, announced vesterday, covers only 124 drivers but a union delegate conference tomorrow is expected to agree a much larger deal covering up to 2,000 process staff and craft

The drivers' deal, negotiated over the past 12 months by the company and the GMB general and TGWU transport unions, will give core

fleet drivers a 3.5 per cent pay rise in 1997, plus a £200 one-off payment. Core drivers gross pay now averages £21,000. An hour will also be reviewing the option of contracting out the haulage fleet over the lifetime of the agreement, with all sides working to ensure that fleet costs taken off the drivers' working week.

This will be followed by a pay freeze in 1998 a controversial aspect of the agreement - and then for the following three years a new pay review body will look at Blue Circle drivers' pay in comparison with rates in other haulage companies. In return, drivers will carry out immediate maintenance of their lorries, and will be trained to operate fork-lift trucks to load them if no one else is available.

As well as such increased work flexibility, the deal includes a series of principles to "maximise" job security. These include not

remain competitive.

In addition. Blue Circle will review annually its fleet size demands on the basis of the year's quietest business quarter, and drivers will accept and help to develop in-cab "telematic" computer systems to monitor and improve performance.

Ron Webb, the TGWU's road haulage national officer, said: This is a landmark agreement which guarantees the working conditions of drivers at Blue Circle until well into the next millennium." Three years ago, Blue Circle made 20 per cent of its workforce redundant in the face of increasing competition

in the building materials industry.

The likely deal tomorrow offers similar jobsecurity provisions to those of the drivers, and specifically includes extensive plans for NVQlevel training, with any redundancies being voluntary and staff relocated if necessary.

Allan Black, GMB national secretary, said: Our members are telling us loud and clear that this is their top priority - not pay, but job security." He called on other companies in the construction industry and beyond to emulate Blue Circle's partnership approach and reach similar deals that would offer enhanced employment security and improve their efficiency and profitability.

Vendex in

move to

take over

job agency

By MARTIN BARROW VENDEX International, the

Dutch retail and business services group, has launched an agreed takeover bid worth Fr2.5 billion for Bis, the

French employment agency.

Vendex also plans a sepa-

rate Dutch bourse listing for

its business services division,

whose annual turnover will

more than double to six billion

The separately listed com-pany would be Europe's third

biggest provider of temporary

employment services and the

Continent's second biggest in

commercial cleaning services.

Details of the proposed take-

over emerged after Vendex reached agreement with the

family of Laurent Negro, the founder of Bis. Vendex will

acquire the family's 60 per

cent interest in the company

for Fr490 a share. The com-

pany will also shortly make an

offer for the publicly held shares, which trade on the

Bis is France's third biggest temporary-help agency after Adecco and Manpower In

1995, the company had turn-

over of Fr9.2 billion. Critics

have said Bis has focused too

much on France and has been

left behind in the trend to-

wards globalisation.
Vendex derived 1.9 billion guilders of its total 1995-96 turnover of 11.3 billion guil-

ders from employment ser-

vices. Vedior, its subsidiary, is

active mainly in the Benelux

countries, but ranks fifth in

France and also operates in

Safety tests

extend life

of reactors

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NUCLEAR reactors at the

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Energy's advanced gas-cooled

British Energy lifted its generation in the year to

December 31 more than 11 per

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problems at Dungeness B.

and private investors

its first day of trading.

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### Prosecutors charge Schneider with fraud

PROSECUTORS investigating one of Germany's biggest corporate scandals have charged Jürgen Schneider with fraud. Outlining charges against the disgraced entrepreneur, the Frankfurt prosecutors' office alleged that Herr Schneider duped banks into extending credit by overstating rent income and forging bills. Herr Schneider, whose property empire collapsed under more than DM5 billion of debt in 1994, has been charged with credit fraud, serious fraud and a bankruptcy offence. The charges could put him in jail for up

The prosecutors said that they had found no evidence of any wrongdoing by banks, contrary to repeated claims by Herr Schneider that his creditors had sabotaged him. The bankruptcy sparked fears of a German property slump, left hundreds of small craftsmen fighting for their livelihoods, and exposed the Schneider banks to public outrage at the apparent ease with which he obtained funding.

### CityJet debt written off

CREDITORS of CityJet, the Irish airline that operates between London City Airport and Dublin, have agreed to write off almost Irfo million to facilitate the company's survival. The write-off is part of a restructuring plan put forward by an examiner appointed by the Dublin High Court. Key unsecured creditors agreed to accept 25p in the pound. They include London City Airport, whose share of the write off is believed to be Ir £1.8 million.

#### ICI Canadian purchase

ICI Paints (Canada), a subsidiary of the UK chemicals group, has completed the purchase of St Clair Paint & Wallpaper Corporation, a distribution network of about 350 locations, made up of company-owned stores, franchisees and authorised dealers, throughout Canada. Current sales of the decorative business of ICI Paints (Canada) are C\$150 million (£65 million) and the acquisition will raise sales by about 75 per cent, and increase outlets to more than 1,100. The price was not disclosed.

#### **R-R contracts out**

ROLLS-ROYCE'S industrial power group has followed the company's aerospace division and contracted out its information-technology operations in a £300 million, tenyear deal. The arrangement with EDS, the same company chosen by the aerospace division, will mean that 160 staff will move from Rolls-Royce and EDS will take over responsibility for computing infrastructure, information systems and

### Capital Shopping deal

CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES, the retail property company, has bought a 15.5 per cent interest in UK Prime Property Partnership from Pensions Funds LP and Zeneca Pensions Property Fund for £28.47 million. UK Prime owns 80 per cent of the Victoria Centre, Nottingham, and has a 50 per cent interest in the Gracechurch Centre, Sutton Coldfield, and the Elmsleigh Centre, Staines. CSC already owns 20 per cent of Victoria Centre through the Victoria Centre Partnership.

#### Monsanto's \$1bn buy

MONSANTO COMPANY is to pay up to \$1.02 billion to acquire three companies involved in hybrid seed production. It is buying Holden's Foundation Seeds Inc., a producer of parent seeds used by retailers to create hybrid seeds, Corn States Hybrid Service Inc., and Corn States International, the products. More than 35 per cent of US corn acres use genetic material developed by Holden's, Monsanto said.

### Carr Sheppards sold

CARR SHEPPARDS, the UK portfolio manager and broker that looks after £2.5 billion, has been acquired by investec, South Africa's fifth-largest banking group. The acquisitive South African combine is thought to have paid Banque Indosuez, former owner of Carr Sheppards, about £17.5 million to £18 million. Nearly all of Carr's 200 staff are expected to keep their jobs. French-owned Indosuez last year sold its 75 per cent stake in Gartmore, the fund manager, to NatWest.

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#### Lloyd's breakthrough

NISSAN Fire & Marine, an association of Japanese companies including Hitachi, Nissan Motors and Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, is to underwrite business at Lloyd's of London. the first such investment by a Japanese company. Syndicate 2323 will be managed by Murray Lawrence Corporate, a subsidiary of the Whittington Group and Murray Lawrence Holdings. The syndicate formed by Nissan Lloyd's Underwriting, will write marine and non-marine business.

### BA passenger record

BRITISH AIRWAYS set a passenger load factor record for December after an increase of one percentage point to 69.1 per cent compared with December 1995. It said mainline scheduled revenue passenger kilometres in December rose 9.9 per cent. Growth in long-haul traffic was 11.3 per cent, surpassing the 3.6 per cent growth on UK-Europe routes. Demand for the airline's premium brands remained firm, with traffic growth rising 6 per cent. Main cabin growth was 10.6 per cent.

#### General Cable venture

GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION, the American subsidiary of Wassall, has formed a joint venture with SpecTran Corporation for the development, manufacture and marketing of fibre and optic cable for the data communications market. The new company will be known as General Photonics. General Cable's investment in the joint venture will amount to about \$6.3 million. General Cable manufactures copper wire and cable products.

Rumours drive shares into record book

### Lanica's rise stuns brokers

By Jon Ashworth

THE City's latest wonder stock market listing. Tipsters stock rose above £21 yesterhave settled on Lanica. day, as analysts muttered darkly about black tulips and South Sea Bubbles. Shares in Lanica Trust were worth just 137p three months ago, when

entrepreneur, appeared. They have rocketed on persistent rumours that Littlewoods, the pools-tostores group, is up to something with its retailing arm. The talk is of a deal involving Freemans, the mail-order arm of Sears, with the whole

package spun off in a separate

Andrew Regan, a 31-year-old

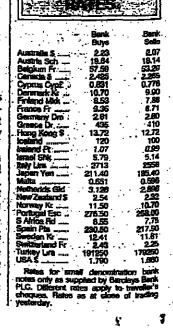
Not since talipomania gripped The Netherlands in the 1600s has there been anything like it. The shares closed at £18.50 on New Year's Eve. and powered on again

yesterday, peaking at £21.50.

One said: "One of these comes along once every ten years." The gains say much for Mr Regan, whose father, Roger, is chief executive of Spring Ram, the kitchens-to-bathrooms group. He came to prominence in 1995, buying

the Co-op's food and drinks manufacturing arm, then selling it for E121 million after just seven months. He personally made £3 million on the deal. Mr Regan resurfaced in October with a £4 million bid for New Guernsey Securities. He renamed it Lanica Trust and announced plans for an

industrial holding company. The shares leapt 140p to 340p. It could all go wrong of course, but Lanica's share gain of 1.418 per cent by the end of 1996 secured Mr Regan's place in the City's



# General Accident cuts bonuses to life policyholders

GENERAL ACCIDENT yesterday announced across-theboard cuts in annual bonuses to its two million life policyholders. The insurer denied that endowment policyholders would have to increase their premiums after it reduced the annual bonus by 0.25 per cent

to 3.25 per cent. The cut means GA is offering £54.914 to a 30-year-old male non-smoking E50 monthly premium payer on a mature 20-year policy, 5.4 per cent less than 12 months ago. However, maturity values on 25-year policies were up 2.4 per cent at Ell4.554, a record high. Friends Provident, which

European aircraft manufac-

turer consortium in which

British Aerospace has a 20

per cent stake, saw the value

of sales fall from \$9.6 billion

to \$8.8 billion last year

The figures were based on

delivery of 126 aircraft. up

from 124 in 1995, but the con-

sortium, which is preparing

to become a stand-alone company, delivered fewer

higher-cost wide-bodied air-

(Christine Buckley writes).

broadly maintained bonus rates for its 800,000 withprofits holders, also announced falls in endowment maturity values with a 20-year policy paying £52.688, E1.400

less than a year ago.
Friends Provident also cut final bonuses for pension holders in its life assurance (formerly NM) business with bonuses on 35-year policies reduced from 112.2 to 105 per cent and 18-year policies from

62.7 to 54 per cent. On the investment side, GA said it had cut bonuses for lump-sum with-profits investors to 7.25 per cent from 7.5 per cent last year. A £5,000

year. Airbus, whose four

members are expected soon

to sign a memorandum of understanding for its inde-

pendence in 1999, does not issue operating profits.

Airbus said that it had

confirmed orders last year

for 301 planes. However, if it

included initial orders se-

cured by memoranda of

understanding and letters of

intent, the total rose to 498

aircraft. worth \$34.4 billion.

ised with-profit business at 8.5 per cent. GA said customers who had paid £200 monthly premiums into a 20-year withprofit policies would retire with £277.810, more than £5,000 less than if they had

retired a year ago.

lump sum invested five years

ago has grown to £7,717,

yield of 9.1 per cent, compared

with £7,894 for a similar in-

vestment maturing last year

that yielded 9.56 per cent net.

cent off pension bonuses leav-

ing annuities at 6 per cent and

compound bonuses on unit-

The company sliced 0.5 per

bill will be £250 million. In spite of the cut in rates. Peter Hales, assistant general manager, said GA aimed to double annual new business to £2 billion by the year 2000 by expanding its investment

GA estimated its total bonus

and pension business. This month GA launches its first attack on the personal equity plan (Pep) market with FT-SE tracker and UK growth and income Peps. Mr Hales said pension business had doubled since its acquisition of Pro-

vident Mutual last January. He also vowed that GA would in 1997 resolve all its 1,500 cases of pensions mis-selling scandal, after last year's publication by the Securities and Investments Board of a simpler questionnaire for aggrieved investors.



Robin Barr tested the Irn-Bru based drink in Scotland

Souped-up

tipple cure

heads south

By Sarah Cunningham

A PRE-MIXED drink com-

bining Scotland's favourite cure for hangovers with a

favourite means of causing

them will soon be available

The drink, which is the

result of an agreement be-

tween AG Barr, maker of Irn-

Bru, and United Distillers,

producer of Bell's Whisky, was introduced in Scotland in

October last year and has been warmly received there,

Robin Barr, chairman of AG Barr, said yesterday. It will be

available in the rest of the UK

later this year.

Sweet, bright orange Irn-Bru is firmly aimed at teenage buyers, but Mr Barr said the

whisky-laced version is not an alcopop: "There is no cartoon-

style labelling and it is clearly

shown to be a combination of the two products," he said.

AG Barr, which also makes

Tizer and Orangina, yester-

day reported pre-tax profits for the year ended October 26 of E5.04 million compared

with £4.58 million a year ago.

Last year's figure included an

exceptional charge of £1.42

The company increased its

final dividend from 6.2p to

6.65p. making a full-year divi-

dend of 8.65p (8.2p). It is payable on April 7.

south of the border.

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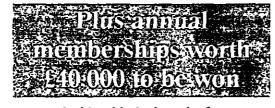
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THE SETIMES

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CHANGING TIMES

☐ ONE does not have to be out

of sympathy with this country's infantile obsession with football

to be worried about the prices

that even the least appealing clubs are commanding on the

stock market. This is a game that

will have to end one day, and

with more losers than winners.

Aside from greed, and attempts

by, mainly, grown middle-class

men to recapture childhood passions or establish some spori-ous street credibility, this hysteria

is criven by the prospects for pay

TV. Every chib of any significance

will have its own channel in the

information era, some believe, and the addicts will have to pay,

This optimism tempts teams

from ever further down the

rankings to seek quotations. The Media Intelligence Bulletin, the

independent researcher, has just published a useful demolition job which concludes that most quoted soccer clubs are, indeed,

It says that, by the year 2000,

the market for pay per view TV will be 7.75 million homes, just twice the current level. Channels

dedicated to individual clubs will

not be viable, more profitable

will be those given over to hig

The industry should see extra

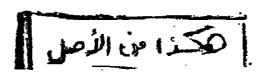
annual income of fills million.

but most will go to a few super-

clubs; Manchester United,

hopelessly overvalued.

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former officials of Barings meet today to discuss the remaining disciplinary cases. enforcement committee of the Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator for fund managers, are the largely failed in November the SFAs independent prosecutions of Ron Baker and Mary Walz None of the parties involved is expected to four of the five charges against him, and appeal against the findings of the SFA's on the fifth, handed down a public

headed by Rod Sinclair, is likely to Soon after, the SFA reached a broadly sanction announcement of the Baker and Walz settlements later this week.

Mr Baker and Ms Walz, who unsuccessfully sued Barings for her £500,000 still pressing charges against certain bonus, faced a series of SFA charges relating to supervision of Nick Leeson, the Top of the agenda for members of the rogue trader whose dealings on Far East money markets caused the £830 million

tribunal found in Mr Baker's favour on independent tribunal, and the committee, reprimand and levied costs of £7,500.

SFA ponders next step on Barings similar agreement with Ms Walz.

In view of the SFA's mixed prosecution record against former Barings executives. the enforcement committee could call for a review of the remaining two cases, against lan Hopkins, widely seen as the whistleblower who tried to draw attention to Leeson's dealings, and James Bax, the trader's boss in the merchant bank's Singapore office. The SFA has pencilled in a tribunal hearing this month for Mr Hopkins and next month for Mr Bax.

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# Coming home . . . to roost

☐ Yellow card for followers of football fashion ☐ Double windfall for building society investors ☐ The class of 1996 (failed)

Liverpool and Newcastle, for emigration an amacrive option example, can expect £15 million. — and you have a disaster example, can expect \$15 million each. The also rans get nothing. Of this windfall, half can be expected to be wasted on inflated salaries and transfer fees.

The Bulletin singles out loss-making Sunderland, struggling to stay in the Premier League. The only possible valuation is a multiple of turnover, of eight times last year's at the current share price. No business on earth can remain for ever on such a rating yet if Sunderland slips from the top league, pay per view revenues will be minimal. Football shares have always

been dangerous investments. First, they move according to the whim of a miskicked ball or a misplaced boot - yesterday's rise for United and price fall for Spurs could as easily have been the other way around.

Second, the value to the fan is higher than to the ordinary investor, a distortion of the market. Add to that the unrealistic estimates being punted around for pay TV - one of the highest would require every man, woman and child to watch 25 games a year, which makes

waiting to happen.

Most tellingly, the current football hysteria is driven by fashion, and a combination of unrelated events - last sum-mer's Euro 96, which England, incidentally, failed to win, the odd best-selling book, and one of those self-reinforcing media feeding frenzies that always stops dead when a new fad emerges. Investing in fashion has always been an easy way to lose money, from the hula hoop to the trendy but loss-making media or leisure conglomerates of today.

#### **Empire-building** with the Woolwich

□ WHEN Peter Robinson left the Woolwich last year after allegations that he misused company facilities during his brief spell as chief executive, the future of the society looked shaky and predators arrived immediately; notably the Prudential.

Nine months on, the society is uncompromisingly on the road PENNINGTON



to conversion, making ambitious comments about acquisitions and warning hostile bidders not to bother unless they are prepared to pay a hefty premium.

This is what any business would say in such circumstances. But the Woolwich's haifyear figures were better than some had expected, and the approaches dried up after they were published, while that premium presumably rose.

A further recovery for the housing market can only push it higher, as the society depends on people wanting to spend and borrow. That recovery looks certain, double-digit house price inflation is expected this year even if 50 per cent over the next three years, according to a well-

leaked forecast from Savills due today, looks over-optimistic.

When the Woolwich first decided to convert, the society considered merging with a fellow building society such as Northern Rock, to punder to the fashion for financial services groups as huge one-stop shops.

The Building Societies Bill,

which penalises newly converted societies that turn acquisitive by removing their own five-year protection from hostile takeovers, made directors reconsider. It may decide, in the end, that it is willing to take the risk and go airead with a spending spree JEVVEL.

Plenty of institutions, many overseas, would like to have greater exposure to the UK nancial services market. If Woolwich were to buy a mutual life insurer to provide the pensions products that it lacks at present, it would become even tore attractive to any purchaser.

So here is a final thought Angela Knight's much-derided legislation accelerated the arrival of all those fat bonuses because a merger would have taken years to finalise before any

flotation could take place. And Woolwich members who hang onto their shares could well be in for a second windfall.

#### Cautionary tale of troubled trio

TWELFIH NIGHT, and a good day for clearing away the rubbish from 1996. Costain saw the final removal of small investors from the running of the company; Wickes cleared the way for its shares to be quoted again. Neither was a good advert for

popular capitalism. Costain was hopelessly mismanaged; the shares' long decline had been well signated, but it took five dividend-free years and three expensive rights issues to bring the company to this state, rather a long period for the normal flow of funds from company to investors to be reversed. Wickes was the fault of fraud and of the auditors appointed to prevent it. although shareholders, ut course, paid the price.

The third of the class of 1996 (failed), and the worst, has been overlooked. This was the col-

lapse, only two years after the finest minds in the City sanctioned the business for flotation. of Chamberlain Phipps. There were doubts expressed over the float, and the dominant role played by Dan Sullivan, the chairman and chief executive. Within a year, the business was in chaos

Chamberlain Phipps came to the market with a value of £74 million. When it collapsed, in August, the company was worth minus £50 million, the size of the debt. In other words, 20 months' worth of turnover disappeared in 24 months. And nobody noticed. The remaining businesses should be sold by the spring, but none of the proceeds will go to shareholders. One final irony: the plug was pulled on this footwear maker, before the winter season, because of the wea-

#### The rights result

THE disaster that has befallen the Azlan rights issue - an issue that was never going to be popular with investors - has its positive side. The company has the money anyway. The buyers' strike suggests institutions are becoming more cautious with their money — that is, yours and mine — despite the City old-pals' act that is supposed to ensure such disasters never happen.

### Raytheon victory aids US defence shake-up

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

the US defence industry took another significant step forward yesterday with the \$3 billion purchase by Raytheon of the weapons division of

Texas instruments. The cash deal is Raytheon's third purchase of a defence company in the past two years and heat a rival offer from Northrop Grumman, another

defence company.

The Texas Instruments division, which was put up for sale last year, employs 12,000 people and is expected to have revenues of \$1.8 billion in 1996. It supplies precision guided missiles, airborne radar and other electronic warfare systems. Raytheon said that the acquisition, which is likely to be completed

THE RAPID consolidation of by the middle of this year, was industry. If Raytheon wins not expected to dilute its that, as well as taking control of the TI defence division, it Dennis Picard, Raytheon's will have pulled far ahead of chairman, said: "We are buy-Northrop, which will be left in ing a growing world-class busa weak position in the newly consolidated industry.

iness that competes successfully in several key defence electronics markets To strengthen its position, Raytheon has been involved in a dash for growth over the where Raytheon is not a significant participant." past two years, buying E-The purchase will boost Systems for \$2.3 billion in 1995 Raytheon's total annual reveand Chrysler's defence elecnues to about \$15 billion. tronics business for \$475 mil-Analysis speculated that the lion last year.

GM wants to be paid in shares by the buyer of Hughes purchase was designed to belo Raytheon's bid for Hughes Electronics, the defence arm of and may consider Raytheon a General Motors, which is exstronger company than Norpected to cost about \$9 billion. throp after its purchase of the The Hughes bidding is expected to be decided in the next few. TI defence business. The acquisition follows the \$14 bildays and may determine the final shape of the US defence lion purchase of McDonnell Douglas, the aircraft manu-

facturer, by Boeing shortly before Christmas. The Boeing deal, which creates the world's largest aircraft company, is the biggest defence deal since the industry began to consolidate four years ago, when the Cold War ended and US defence spending shrank.

Texas instruments said that it was selling its defence interests in order to focus more closely on its main business of computers and civilian electronics.

Analysts said that Raytheon apeared to be paying too much for the Texas Instruments assets, but conceded that the deal made good strategic sense. One analyst said: "II was a must win. That takes care of the first priority, to get

#### Knickerbox poised for restructuring

KNICKERBOX, the lossmaking niche underwear retailer, is set for a management overhaul and £2.7 million restructuring after a deterioration in sales in the run-up to Christmas.

Gieves Group, which owns 49.5 per cent of Knickerbox, said the problems there, and disappointing pre-Christmas trading at Gieves & Hawkes, will have a materially adverse effect on group results. It has agreed to subscribe £1 million in cash for 2 per cent convertible secured loan stock repayable in 2005. Gieves hopes the remaining \$1.7 million for restructuring will come from other investors.

After the conversion of the loan stock and the exercise of warrants, Gieves shareholding would fall to 38.91 per cent.

### Apple is bruised by profit warning

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

SHARES of Apple Computer plunged after a profit warning as the company prepares to outline its strategy to thousands of customers and programmers at its annual Macworld trade show today.

The troubled computer manufacturer said that it would make an operating loss of between \$100 million and \$150 million in the last quarter because of weak retail demand over Christmas. Apple said a shortage of Powerbook laptops was also to blame.

The news sent the shares down by about \$4 to \$18, a third of their level a year ago. The company said that revenue for the quarter to December 27 will be down by about 10 per cent from the \$2.3 billion for the same period last year.

The poor performance sug-gests that Apple's hoped-for

recovery may be faltering and that the strategy constructed by Gilbert Amelio, chief executive, will have to be altered. Mr Amelio said that Apple

will have to reduce its expenses by a further \$1 billion to about \$8 billion a year. This will require another round of redundancies on top of the 1,300 job losses announced last year. Mr Amelio says that revenues are unlikely to start growing until 1988.

The weak sales and poor profit performance is likely to further damage Apple's image with customers and software programmers who are already worried that the company may not survive.

The company has a particularly hard task in persuading programmers to write software for its computers as it develops a new generation of operating software.

#### Sears left with just 100 shops

SEARS has sold 210 of the stores it received back when Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia empire collapsed in May, and it is close to disposing of another 63 Clason Nisse writes).

This leaves only 100 on Sears' hands. These shops, which housed Saxone. Freeman Hardy Willis and Trueform shoe stores, have been closed and are being marketed by two firms of surveyors, Healey & Baker and Eric Young & Co. Sears made a £25 million

provision to cover the cost of selling the shops. Much of it has now been used but Sears does not believe it will have to make any further charges. To offload the stores more quickly, Sears is offering a store card with £2,000 credit to the individual agents who strike the deals.

### Newman Tonks attacks FKI's record overseas

NEWMAN TONKS, the door the bidding company's "un-impressive" record of managing its overseas businesses.

In a defence document to shareholders, Newman Tonks said FKI's profits out-side the UK and the US had fallen from E5.6 million to £2 million since 1992. The profit margins on these busines had fallen from 8 to 1.7 per cent, and the return on assets from 27.6 to 7.2 per cent.

Jeff Whalley. FKI's chairman, dismissed this and Newman Tonks's other criticisms as "pretty thin". FKI makes most of its money in North America, has increased profits in each of the past five years, and is this year heading for a total of more than £100 million. Mr Whalley said. "They're struggling hard to find something to defend themselves with," he added. The defence document also

discloses that Geoff Gahan, Newman Tonks's chief executive, and his fellow directors only days before FKI's approach was made public. However, Newman Tonks said it had satisfied the Takeover Panel that the new contracts had been agreed in principle some months previously. Mr Gahan is on a basic salary of £194,000, and may receive half as much again as

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By ROBERT MILLER

SENIOR executives of the City watchdog

BANKING CORRESPONDENT



Geoff Gahan with document contesting FKI bid

#### Record sales for Orange and One 2 One

BY PAUL DURMAN

ORANGE and One 2 One, the mobile telephone companies. enorted record quarterly sales figures yesterday, boosting the sector's share prices. Orange said it added 125,000 new customers in the final quarter of 1996, an improve-

ment on 116,000 the year before. It ended the year with more than 785,000 subscribers, 406,000 more than a year ago. One 2 One, the smallest of the four mobile phone com-panies, attracted 85,000 new customers in the quarter, com-

pared with 35,000 in the final

quarter of 1995. This lifted its total to 545,000. It began 1996 with 375,000 subscribers. The share prices of Orange Vodafone and Cable & Wire less, the company that created One 2 One, were under pres sure in the second half of 1996 because of fears that growth in sales of mobile phones was slowing. Robert Millington, BZW analyst, said the indus-

try's fourth-quarter figures

were the only set to show an

improvement over 1995. Orange shares closed 5p up at 193p, and Cable & Wireless 5½p higher at 472½p. Vodasone rose 7½p to 25½p and Securicor, which owns a large stake in Cellnet, edged

בים up to 178p. Orange says it now has 11.5 per cent of the mobile phone market. Its share of net growth of the market is 29 per cent.

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### Shares rise but worries make investors hesitant

stock market crawled back above 4,100 to close just 12 points shy of its record high.

But it was a lacklustre performance as worries about an imminent rise in interest came back to haunt investors. This theory was reinforced by another strong performance from sterling, which served to undermine the big dollar earners among the top 100 shares and, in turn, hold back the market's progress.

Equities were hesitant in early trading, as investors worried about the prospect of further volatility on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index finished just below its best of the day, but failed to reflect an early 75-point gain by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York. The FT-SE 100 index finished 17.0 up at 4.106.5. with 682 million shares traded.

More brokers are taking the view that investors may have seen the best of the retail sector for the time being. Trading statements due out from the leading stores groups over the next few weeks are expected to show that business was lively in the run-up to Christmas. But the prospect of an imminent rise in interest rates could mean that any improvement to margins may be short-lived.

Dixons, steady at 543p. is due to give a trading update this week with brokers hoping it has led the recovery with sales of electrical goods sharply higher. Some of them are already forecasting that profits may be up 50 per cent.

Argos, down 7p at 751p, is also due to report on Friday along with Sears. Other companies expected to give trading statements soon include **Boots**, up 7p at 626<sup>1</sup>2p, and Next, 4p better at 57012p.

Also in the retail sector, W H Smith climbed a further lip to 46712p on vague talk of a bid with Tesco, 112p cheaper at 350p, mentioned as a possible predator.

A sharp jump in new subscribers towards the end of last year lifted Orange 5p to 193p. They coincide with a One-2-One, owned by Cable and Wireless, up 512p at 47212p, and follow Vodafone's numbers last week. Vodafone rose 7p to 251p.

National Westminster Bank rose 912p to 706p with Panmure Gordon, the broker, also taking a shine to the shares. Last week Credit Lyon-



Hugo Bovill, left, and Stephen Ashton of Treatt, down 20p

nais Laing was pushing NatWest, claiming it was the cheapest in the sector and could hit 900p. Panmure is also said to like the look of Barclays Bank, up 12p at £10.0612. and HSBC, 2912p stronger at £13.2312p.

Still no time for a breather at Lanica Trust, where the price reached £21.50 before retreating to close a further business. Sears was steady at 94p yesterday after announcing plans to dispose of 200 shoe shops.

Speculative buying lifted Frank Usher, the ball gown maker, 8p to 176p after Nigel Wray of Fleet Newsletter fame snapped up 427,500 shares, or almost 6 per cent stake of the company. Nigel Wray is also being tipped to take over

Smith & Nephew has been a dull market, falling from a peak of 216 kp in October to a low of 175 kp. The price firmed 3 kp to 1814p yesterday after a meeting with brokers. Trading during the fourth quarter lived up to expectations and the feared deterioration in its markets has failed to materialise.

6712p dearer at £20.50. The shares have risen from 95p during the past year, fuelled by Andrew Regan's decision to take control of the company.

There is talk he is putting together another attractive deal which could see privately owned Littlewoods reverse its retail operations into Lanica. Littlewoods is currently in talks with Sears about acquiring Freemans, its mail order Nottingham Forest, the struggling Premiership side.

There was certainly no shortage of action among the growing number of publicly quoted football clubs. Celtic, the Scottish Premier League side, led the way with a hefty jump of £100 to £525 as plans were mooted for a new British Super League, which would include both Celtic and Rangers. West Bromwich Albion,



taking and lost £30 at £250. The shares were originally listed on the Alternative Investment Market last Friday at £100 a piece. The listing for West Brom was its second fund-raising exercise in less than a year.

Manchester United was rewarded with a rise of 2212p to a new high of 687'2p after its swift move into the fourth round of the FA Cup with a two-goal win over Tottenham Hotspur, down 3p at 62lp. Chelsea Village rose 212p to 124p after it dumped Liverpool

out of the cup.

Towry Law slipped lp to 39p. Roger Cooper, who had been operating as finance director, has left the company

with "immediate effect". Treatt, which is headed by Hugo Bovil, managing director, with Stephen Ashton, finance director, fell a further 20p to 150p as the group weighed in with a profits setback and caution about current prospects. Pre-tax profits last year at the fragrance and flavours group tumbled from £3.54 million to EL52 million.

It was full steam ahead for GB Railway in first-time dealings after a placing at 100p. It opened at 160p and quickly accelerated through the 200p level, touching a peak for the day of 237p before closing at

210<sup>1</sup>2p, a premium of 110<sup>1</sup>2p. Newman Tonks's defence document received a lukewarm reception with the price firming 112p to 15012p. But it remains 3p shy of the terms being offered by FKI, 4p

☐ GILT-EDGED: Worries about a rate rise came back to haunt the bond market where prices suffered falls stretching to E12 in a slow start to trading. The worst losses were recorded at the longer end of the market. The latest money supply figures made little impact on sentiment.

In futures the March series of the long gilt dropped £932 to £1085 to in thin trading that saw just 37,000 contracts completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell E1712 to E101712, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was one tick off at El02932. □ NEW YORK: Shares rose

strongly in early trading as growing optimism about the US economy boosted cyclical and technology stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average was 71.96 points higher by midday at 6,616.05.

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### Off the rails

PRIVATISED industries generally start life in a Big Bang: the water and electricity companies were dismantled into regional fieldoms. Fragmentation created the illusion of competition (in the case of the utilities, the competition was for the loyalty of shareholders, not customers). But the big bang of privatisation is follwed eventually by a gravitational pull to the centre. After fragmentation, you get consolidation and sooner or later, the rail franchisees will gobble each

The implosion could be profitable for some investors but at the moment the excitement about train operators looks overdone. Unlike the water or electricity companies or even Railtrack, companies such as GB Railways. and Prism have no track record and more important, no assets other than the right to

run a rail service for a limited period. Even that right is heavily circumscribed by price controls and the requirement to maintain capacity levels. Heavy fixed costs, in the form of access charges to the rail network and train leasing costs leave limited scope for margin improvement, other than by cutting staff.

Will there be growth in the top line? Train operators are achieving 5 per cent revenue increases but much of that is from eliminating fare dodgers, rather than new passengers. With ever smaller subsidies, these companies are indeed highly risky - in the rail sector, they are the airlines to Railtrack's BAA. One of the early investors, such as Stagecoach, might become a British Airways but, unlike BA, the train operators cannot shut down unprofitable routes. Should revenues fall, we could see insolvencies as well as takeovers.

#### Orange

FINAL-QUARTER saies figures from Orange and One 2 One breathed life into moribund mobile phone shares. After nine months of doldrums, the year ended with solid. if unspectacular, year-

on-year progress. Behind the headline numbers, the detail of the figures looked equally encouraging A big worry about the mobile phone companies is the way they sell the hardware like so much bankrupt stock. With phones (seemingly) available for less than a tenner, there are serious concerns about the quality of customers and the security of revenue flows. Indeed, the industry loses nearly three out of every ten

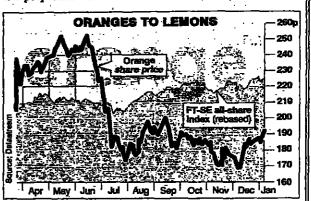
customers that it attracts. Orange, at least, is faring better, holding its "churn" rate at a little above 18 per

cent. The company argues

tomers opting for its higher usage Talk60 plans. As mothat even this figure overstates the problem, since it operates a 14-day cooling off bile phones make the transiperiod for new customers. One 2 One also claimed a consistent monthly improvement in disconnection rates, will benefit. although it is too shy to

reveal figures. Better still, Orange reported a substantial increase in the proportion of new custion from toy to tool, more readily and revenues Orange shares ran ahead too quickly on their initial

flotation but have since fallen too far. There is value



#### Engineering

DOES a flurry of bids for metalbashers mean the engineering sector is now in play? Two bids are underway: William Cook is fighting an offer from Triplex Lloyd, while Fairey has set its sights on Burnfield. After three years of recovery, some are expecting engineering bids galore. Certainly, engineering stocks have enjoyed a good

run; the sector managed growth of 22 per cent last year, twice the rate of increase in the market as a whole. Expectations of better order books and profits are driving shares ahead and the sudden appearance of bids arouses speculation that acunderperformers such as Simon Engineering and APV.

More consolidation looks certain but the targets are unlikely to feature the sector's ugly ducklings. The problem is sterling and dull European markets. Com-

heavily on price, selling process control and materials handling equipment to relatively low-growth sectors such as food manufacturing.
Margins are pitifully thin and the strong pound hurts

companies that sell abroad. Last year's strong growth in the sector was mainly the work of a small number of large companies, such as British Aerospace, Smiths Industries and Siebe. If there is bid activity in the sector, it will involve makers of less price-sensitive products in growth markets. That suggests the defence and automotive sectors where the customer is seeking supplier. consolidation; in the former case for political reasons while in the latter case, car manufacturers are seeking better logistics. Mere metal-

Newman Tonks THE FIRST retaliatory miss-

ile from the Newman Tonks camp failed to make much of

bashers will still struggle.

a bang. This was not surpris-ing: if Newman has any cards up its sleeve, it would be unwise to reveal them so early. The company's financial year has just ended and Newman will no doubt, in due course, pull the stops out in an estimate of the year's results and at the same time could be expected to make warm noises about 1997. Unfortunately, no pleasant surprise is expected from the 1996 results and Newman is relying on a more buoyant construction market in its ap-

management. This is unlikely to suffice: Newman has failed to address the issue of why its margins are so poor. Two big ed ship and the best shareholders can now hope for is a rival bid for the company. The Newman camp hints darkly that there may be other bidders — but Christmas

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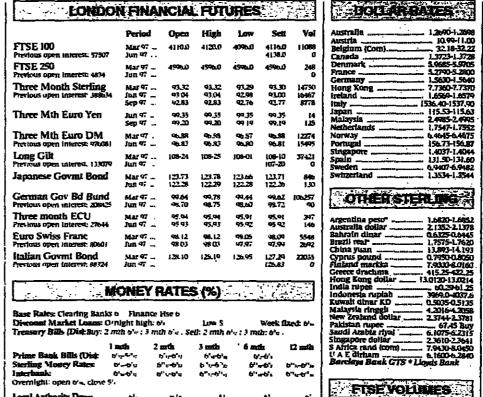
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| Three month ECU<br>Previous open Interest: 2764                  | Mar 97<br>4 Jun 97         |                                       | 95,94<br>95,93          | 95.91<br>95.92          | 95.91<br>95 Q2          | 347<br>146              |
| Euro Swiss Franc<br>Predous open Interest: #060                  | Mar 97<br>Fun 97           |                                       | 98.12<br>98.03          | 99.05<br>47.97          | 48.09<br>97.94          | 5548<br>2692            |
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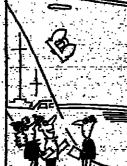
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THE deadline for applications for the Spoken Business Japanese Awards is January 13 Open to business executives resident in any EU country, the first prize is a return ticket to Japan, and £1,500 cash.

#### Art form

AN UNEXPECTED name crops up alongside that of Sir Nicholas Goodison on the committee of the National Art Collections Fund. David Landau, chairman of the Loot Group, and the brain behind the hugely successful free ads paper. turns out to be an expert on Renaissance prints. With Rupert Hambro also on the committee, it appears that Landau has hit upon a new venture. "It's a shame we don't have a section in the paper selling second-hand directorships," he chuckles.

#### Driving torce

NEWS that Henderson: Investors, the independent fund manager, is to spons-or the Williams Formula One grand prix racing team will have come as no. surprise to Jonathan Berry, its Peps administrator. Berry is an avid racing fan and brother in-law of Frank Williams, managing director of Williams Grand Prix Engineering.

GOOD news for fat cats. The Water Services Association, which represents the nine largest privatised water companies, is the chief sponsor behind Egon Ronay's guide to bistros, bars and cafés.

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### What price value aboard the privatisation express?

nuclear fuel as being the least attractive asset on the public auction block, are taking their place among the market's wonder stocks. GB Railways, which more than doubled in value on its market debut yesterday, is the second pure railway company to come to the marker. It did so after picking up the Anglia rail franchise, and shareholders, who have collectively enjoyed an instant paper profit of 19.67 million, are looking forward to further profits if the company wins the Thameslink fran-

Of the 25 rail routes that were part of the \$4.4 billion privatisation. 18 have been allocated and ten have become quoted companies.

Offers for the seven remaining lines close this month, and the last sale -- of interCity West Coast - will be made by the end of March. The railinclusing a journey from the state to the market is on course to be completed in little more than three years.

On the face of it, this should give the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising (Opral); which is running the auction, grounds for self-congratulation. Railways, it says, have long suffered from a fack of investment that private com-panies are keen to make. Not only do the new rail barons take a loss-making company off the hands of the state, they promise to pour millions into new trains, with a more frequent service and cheaper fares. It is, the argument ; good for the pa the Covernment, good for Britain.

But as the directors of GB Railways toast the instant £2.07 million paper profit they made in less than an hour, questions are being asked about whether the assets are being transferred too cheaply to the private sector. Either their new owners are working such magic that their value has shot up in a matter of months, or they picked

up the goods for a song.

GB Railways's market surge came
on the day the National Audit Office
revealed that it is looking into the sale of Porterbrook, the rail coaches leasing company. Sold to its management as a debt-ridden liability for £527 million this time last year, Porterbrook was bought seven months later by Stagecoach for £825 million. This left a handsome £300 million for the buyout

**Fraser Nelson** on the men who may

come to be known as fat-cat controllers

investors to share, and made eight days' work worth £36 million to Sandy Anderson, managing director, and £4 million to Peter Watson, chairman.

As the National Audit Office begins its investigation, the Government's claim that rail companies are cashdraining liabilities is beginning to lose ground very quickly. To miss out on E300 million of what should have been taxpayers' money suggests that the Government was, at best, guilty of bad timing, and, at worst, gross commercial naivety.

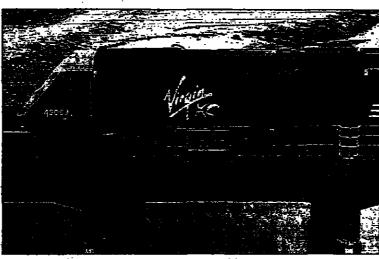
The Government argues that the price at which it sold Porterbook reflected the risk it was passing on. But its valuation of that risk is at great variance to the market's view. The National Audit Office is also expected to look into whether similar miscalculations marked the sales of Angel Trains Contracts and Eversholt Leas-

Rail franchises, by contrast, are awarded on a seven-year basis, and their owners are also paid by Opraf. GB Railways is being paid a £35.9 million subsidy in its first year, and has since raised £6.8 million from coming to the City. Opraf shrugs its shoulders. It says its job is merely to arrange a suitor for its franchises, secure investment pledges, and wish good leek to millionaires thereafter. It is not actually selling anything, and can hardiv demand a better price.

The market, meanwhile, is getting very excited. Richard Hannah, transport analyst at UBS, says that the City sees far more value in rail companies than the Government had envisaged.

He says: "Given the years of poor management under public ownership. the potential of these companies under private sector management is substantial. At the moment, rail accounts for about 5 per cent of passenger miles, which is amazingly low. The private sector has done a great job on sorning out transport companies which were underperforming under state ownership, and there is no reason to believe that rail will be any exception."

Mr Hannah attributes the missing millions - now being pocketed by the new franchise holders - to the difference in opinion between the Government and the City as to the value of the franchises. "The balance is in the favour of the rail companies at the



Richard Branson would have TVs on his Cross Country trains

there may be unforeseen circumstances which prevent the potential being realised." he said.

The management manoeuvres of the new franchise holders do little to contradict his argument. Midland Main Line, owned by National Express, is offering free coffee to all its customers, a break from the exorbitant buffet bar fares of old. Great North Eastern Railways, which runs the service between London and Edinburgh, offers a £19 return fare, to combat airline fares of £58.

Another imaginative newcomer to railways is Richard Branson, whose Virgin Rail Group started running the Cross Country trains franchise yesterday. Mr Branson wants to add aircraftstyle mini televisions to passenger seats, an innovation few civil servants would have agreed to in the years of state control. The results are already beginning to show. National Express has started offering £29 family tickets on the London to Sheffield line, and has seen the number of weekly passengers grow from 13,500 to 16,000. Railtrack, which runs the stations, has attracted coffee shops, sold its advertising space, and seen its shares shoot from 380p to 584p.

seems that not even the prospect of a Labour government will quell the market's enthusiasm for railways. A Blair election victory and the possibility of subsequent reregulation is the last liability that the new railway companies could face. The City take sthe view that Labour believes that the worst offence has already been committed - that of selling public assets for a song.

As the nation enjoys its £19 returns to Scotland, free coffees and perhaps even in-train television, the consensus is that Labour would conclude that it had come to power too late to reverse all of that, and that the wiser policy would be to let the private market battle it out for Only now is the market's enthusiasm

for railway stocks beginning to be fully apparent. With that, the gulf between what the Government sold its railway franchises for and what they now appear to be worth is on track to dwarf the £300 million lost in the sale of



### Fresh thinking and the deficit

things wrong with the economic outlook for Britain in 1997 and beyond. First and foremost there is the threat that the pound oushed up by the clamour for higher interest rates from the Bank of England.

Secondly, there is the reason the Bank's demand for tighter monetary policy will be justified. Spending in Britain is growing substantially faster than output, even though I suspect that official figures will show Christmas sales to have been less buoyant than many experts thought. If spending continues to out-pace production, inflation and an unsustainable trade gap are bound to result, even if the pressures take several years to build up.

The third economic problem is the Government's budget deficit. This remains

spite of the commendable efforts by Kenneth Budget. The Treasury's projection of a deficit of 2.5 per cent

mestic product in 1997-98 would be on the high side for the fifth year of an economic expansion, even if it were totally credible. Lower deficits are desirable in the long term because the cost of servicing the national debt is the first charge against government tax revenues. It therefore crowds out public spending on more worthwhile front-line serhealth and law enforcement. A more urgent reason for

reducing the deficit is to restrain spending and, therefore, the inflationary risks. A tighter fiscal policy would counteract some of the upward pressure on interest rates and the pound. The link between all three of these key economic prob-

lems should now be clear. If the next Government dramatically reduced the deficit immediately after the general election it could quickly subdue inflation, reassure the Bank of England, avert a sharp increase in interest rates and avoid an further damaging appreciation of the pound.

Until recently, such a

happy sequence of events seemed inconceivable. Both parties, I assumed, would be so bound up by electoral promises that any increase

in taxes would be impossible. The hopes of significant cuts in public spending beyond those already assumed by the Treasury seemed even more forlorn, particularly after the pledges to improve popular public services that both main parties would surely make.

However, I have begun to have second thoughts after Mr Clarke's Budget and publication of the detailed Finance Bill. The Budget showed an unexpected flowering of imagination at the Treasury. Instead of just going for the "usual susand national insurance and lower personal allowances, the mandarins focused their attention on the many loop-holes and abuses that riddle the tax system. The Finance Bill showed an equal seri-ousness at the Inland Revenue and the Customs and Excuse in tackling elaborate

avoidance schemes that The Budget showed cost the Exchequer an unexpected many billions flowering of imagination possibility raised by by Treasury this unexmandarins

break of ing is that budget deficits could, after all, be reduced substantially by the next Government. The politi-cians will doubtless pledge to keep their grubby hands off income tax, VAT and national insurance, but this would still leave a plethora of opportunities to expand the tax hase. The last Rudget, which raised an additional £4 billion annually in 'low-visibility" taxes, offered only a hint of what a determined Chancellor

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could achieve. Just one reform — the abolition of the dividend imputation system that subsidises British pension funds and encourages UK compa to pay out dividends instead of reinvesting profits — could raise up to £5 billion a year. A second obvious reform -- the removal of mortgage tax relief - would yield more than £3 billion and would come at the perfect time to dampen an incipient house price boom. A third useful measure would be simply to accelerate the phasing out of profit related pay. Between them, such seemingly technical changes could transform the

next Government's fiscal

position, as well as the

outlook for interest rates

and the pound.

#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Wisdom lacking among those who sold utilities to aliens

From Mrs Joan Woolard Sir, Further to reports of GKN's \$400 million suit relating to its American subsidiary, Meineke, what protection is available to the British customers and shareholders of privatised British utilities with financial strings in the United States? In the event of a similar suit being brought against an American subsid-

iary or owner of a British utility, who will pay? Will British customers have services cut off due to some financial embarrassment on the other side of the Atlantic?

There is also the possibility of litigation against HM ministers at some future date, or HMG generally, by an American litigant or class action suit arising from mistakes made

abroad but originating in Whitehall. It is probably too late to consider the wisdom of Ameri-

can regulation forbidding the sale of American utilities to aliens. Would that our "wise men" had so much foresight. JOAN WOOLARD, 35 Eastgate, Fleet Hargate, Lincolnshire.

### Inflexibility surrounding the Halifax Building Society flotation

volving door" solution to members wanting cash up-front. If Halifax listen to you, it will be remarkable. I could not even get them to take on board my wish to relinquish my entitle-

ment to shares in favour of my Several times I have explained to them that where a wife is younger and in better health, it makes more sense for long-term assets such as shares to commence in the name of the one with better expectation of

From Mr Colin Dennison response was to refuse the fac-Sir, Pennington comments ility, reciting what was obvi-(December 17) on Halifax's reous already, that the shares would be marketable and could be sold/given in stock exchange trading. Not really good for small quantities. If Halifax do accept your

suggestion, I will have one

more go with mine. COLIN DENNISON, 8 Sheuchan View, Stranraer. From Mr R. H. Myddelton 🕟 Sir, You report (December 20) that the Halifax has been refused permission by the Building Societies Commission to

and borrowers an abbreviated version of its 150-page transfer document. Of course, the full document should be available on request, but who can seriously believe that any useful purpose is served by sending it everyone? There may well be historic wording in legislation and regulation which seems to require such absurd decisions. But why cannot the Deregulation Task Force find a way to provide a discretion in such cases, and ensure that it is exercised sensibly? Yours faithfully. R. H. MYDDELTON,

#### same old Lloyd's From Sir Guy Millard

Sir, You reported on December 19 that Lloyd's of London is going to court to recover out-standing funds from non-paying names. The case would perhaps be more deserving if Lloyd's had fulfilled its own obligations. Lloyd's has so far failed to pay out so-called Finality Surpluses owed to large numbers of names, perhaps thousands, under the terms of the settlement offer. These were due, at the very latest, at the beginning of December. No word of explanation has been offered for the Lloyd's apparently do not think that it matters. Now the names have done what was required of them by voting for the reconstruction of Lloyd's and Equitas, it seems that Lloyd's no longer cares about them. It looks as though the new Lloyd's is going to be just like the old, only perhaps more so. Yours faithfully, GUY MILLARD. Fyfield Manor,

Southrop, Gloucestershire.

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#### Opt for the dollar From D. Pool

Sir, Your article Euro will cost banks \$7bn a year" (December 16) is very revealing. Let us have many more items of a similar nature to prepare us for the referendum that begins to seem more and more to basics as Mr Major would certain on the subject of the have us do, the role of the common currency. First of all, banks should surely be to the EU will gain by the inthe article says the banks will facilitate currency! transac- creased business efficiency Plarwich, Essex.

lose large amounts of revenue because they will no longer be able to charge the public and business for the countless. currency transactions that occur every day.

To my mind, on that score the euro cannot come soon enough. After all, going back

tions, not make a bomb out of and will go on gaining for ever them. What the banks lose, the public and business will gain. The article says that the cost

to the EU of converting machinery and systems will nullity six years worth of cost savings. So there will be six years of opportunities for the software and computer industry then. After that everyone in

more. I would go further than saying let us get on with converting to the common currency for Europe as quickly as possible. I would say let us have a world currency in the near future - the dollar. Do I hear screams from the City? Yours faithfully, D. POOL

16 Hordle Street,

#### No sympathy for The payment of fraudulent insurance claims From E. J. Smith tra premium. There is what arrive at the figure of £580

Sir, Mr Piero Chiodo tells us (Business Letters, December 24) that in the year before last fraudulent insurance claims totalled some £580 million. He goes on to say that, as a result, honest policyholders are paying ex-

here: if the claims can be identified, as the total figure suggests, then why are they paid, being fraudulent, at the expense of innocent policy-

it would be really interesting to know how the insurers

seems an interesting paradox million. Is it a guesstimate or do the companies actually tot up the fraudulent claims they have paid? Yours faithfully, E. J. SMITH. 14 The Fairway.



#### BRIEFINGS

Livewire, the scheme that was launched by Shell to help young people to set up in business, is looking for entries for its 1997 Business Start-up Awards. The awards are open to any ln to 25year-old whose business started frading on or after last February 1. The deadline for submissions is January 31. For further information, call 0345 573252 or write to Freepost NT 805. Newcastle upon Tyne, NEI IBR.

☐ Barclays Bank is holding trials of a personal computer banking service for small businesses. It has approached £000 sole traders in the North West, the South and the South East asking them to take part. They will be able to gain access to their accounts 24 hours a day from their home or business premises every day of the year. If the trials are successful, Barclays will expand the service to small husinesses nationwide during 1997. The pilot scheme will be free but Barclays expects to introduce a charge when the full service is launched.

☐ Strong growth in invoice discounting and the export trade fuelled a 20 per cent increase in the turnover of the factoring and invoice discounting industry in 1996, latest figures from the Factors & Discounters Association indicate. Factoring turnover of £7.9 billion plus £18.5 billion worth of discounting and \$1.3 billion in export trade produced turnover of £27.7 billion in the first nine months, up from \$23.2 billion in the corresponding period of 1995.

# Bright idea is paying off

Alan Jabez discovers

a thriving holidays

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getaway in an old Scottish lighthouse

Tran Cree and Christine Barrett set themselves a task of turning a remote Scottish lighthouse into a profitable company, even though neither had any business experience and the turn-

of-the-century property was in need

of major repairs.

As with many of the 200 or so lighthouses dotted around the British coastline, the professional keepers who had previously lived at Rua Reidh, north of Gairlock, had been replaced by automation and the surrounding buildings had been placed in private hands. Ms Cree and Ms Barrett saw the redevelopment of the lighthouse as an exciting challenge and paid an annual rent of £5,500 to take over its running.

The two women, who had both previously worked in outdoor pursuits, believed the remoteness and the area's natural attraction were an ideal environment in which to open the lighthouse as an overnight hostel and outdoor activities centre.

They failed to get grants, but did receive an £8,000 low-interest loan from their local council. This was used to repair all the leaks and cracks, and to paint and decorate

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Fran Cree says conference delegates love to swap stress for solitude

both the interior and exterior of all the old buildings. They also converted several rooms into comfortable hostel accommodation and began escorted walking holidays. This proved so successful that they

began other outdoor activities, such

as courses in rock climbing. abseiling, kayaking and orienteer ing - all run by professional instructors.

Once word got around of what they were doing, the lighthouse attracted yet more visitors. It is now

open all year and accommodates up to 100 people a week during the busiest periods. Ms Cree and Ms Barrett supplement the income further by operating a part-time teashop in the summer for the increasing number of day-trippers.

They have both attended courses on book-keeping, PR and advertising, with some of the costs being met by their local enterprise council. But the amount of regulation now required to run any commercial outdoor activities centre has grown. This includes paying a high level of annual insurance and the need to fund various official inspections. Being so isolated demanded the acquisition of a small fleet of vehicles, which further added to

Despite the problems, the business continues to grow. The two women have recently purchased the property for £70,000 and maintain the growing interest by advertising in walking and bird-watching magazines and other specialist travel publications. They are also listed by their local tourist board and have direct deals with travel agents in both Britain and In addition to the many visitors

from Britain and overseas, the lighthouse also plays host to a number of corporate conferences. Ms Cree says organisers find the solitude, comfortable accommodation and friendly hospitality ideal for delegates who want to get away from stresses of life in the big cities. ☐ Contact Rua Reidh Lighthouse:

### Small firms drink a toast to new year

By RODNEY HOBSON

SMALL businesses have entered the new year in better spirits than for some time. Quarterly surveys indicate improving economic conditions, while an independent survey suggests that the relationship between small businesses and the banks has improved.

The best improvement in economic conditions for six years was reported by small businesses in the third quarter of 1996, the NatWest Quarterly Survey shows. Almost 50 per cent saw sales turnover grow, and 20 per cent took on more staff. Cashflow was cited as the main problem by only 9.5 per cent of respondents, the lowest since 1990. Even the smallest businesses.

which have seen little or no recovery over the past 18 months. reported a much greater improvement in sales during the quarter. This improvement almost certainly continued in the fourth quarter.

The latest forecast from Midland Bank says small businesses should benefit from favourable economic conditions in 1997, with a rise in consumer spending boosting retailers' sales in spite of the latest rise in

According to the bank, trading conditions on the high street are now more upbeat than at any time since the economic boom of the 1980s. it expects the value of all spending by consumers to grow 4 per cent next year, with retailers

seeing sales increase by around S per cent. That is echoed by Business Pages, the telephone directory publisher. Its survey of 500 small businesses, conducted by NOP, shows that 52 per cent of small businesses are more confident than they were a year ago, thanks mainly to an increase in sales.

Almost two thirds of small businesses expect some growth in their turnover in the next year, and in spite of residual caution, an increasing number are willing to

invest Companies with more than six staff, especially those in the finance sector, are most optimistic that growth will continue into this year. Business Pages says. However, few expect a return to the boom years of



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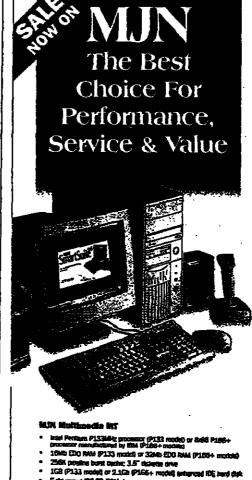
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# ENO decides on a change of scene

Less than five years after securing its future at the Coliseum, English National Opera is to sell up and move. Richard Morrison discovers why

be no less disconcert-ing to English National Opera's loyal patrons for # that. Yesterday ENO announced that it is planning to quit the London Coliscon, its home for the past 29 years, and build a new opera house. Eight possible sites have been named, none of them in the West End. ENO would ideally like the

new theatre to have two auditoriums, seating about 2,100 and 900 people respectively. It will submit a lottery applica-tion to cover the bulk of the cost, estimated at between £80 million and £120 million, and hold an architechical competi-tion to decide the design. If the scheme progresses without any of the hitches traditionally associated with opera house building projects, the company could be inaugurating its new home as early as September 2001.

Dance companies — large and small, British and foreign — would be invited to share the new performing facilities with the opera company, indeed, the larger auditoriom would be designed with the dual purpose of providing London belatedly with a house

for large-scale dance. Meanwhile, the 93-year-old Coliseum, bought for £12 million from Stoll Moss Theatres to house ENO less than five years ago, would be sold to the private sector again, and probably become the prime West End venue for long running musicals. Several commercial managements have apparently already indicated to ENO that they would be interested

he decision was not Matcham's grandest theatre, unexpected, but it will ENG's board made its decibe no less disconcert. . sion to abandon the Coliscum after studying a 300 page "fea-salating study", itself funded by the lottery, by a group of management and theatre consuitants, architects and market researchers. "At the outset many board members bered that we should remain in the Coliseum," says John Baker, ENO's chairman, "But

the logic of moving to a new

theatre is compelling." 6 To make the place work, 560 people bang their heads against a

brick wall 9

So what is that logic? The limitations of the Coliseum as the home of an opera company have long been apparent. It theatre that could juggle up to four different productions in repertoire at the same time. It. has yirtually no storage areas backstage for sets, and its Edwardian hydraulies rely heavily on teams of wellmuscled stagehands working

in shifts round the clock. This is the hardest-worked theatre in the country, which is one reason why it is falling apart," says Demois Marks, ENO's general director. To make the place work as an

ENGLISH National Opera has named eight possible "central

The company will not reveal which are its preferred sites. "There

are some very delicate negotiations going on with a number of sites, involving the owners, the local authorities and government departments, and these are best not conducted in public," Marks

Hungerford Car Park/Jubilee Gardens, South Bank

Coin Street, South Bank
 New Riverhead, Rosebery Avenue, Islington

St Christopher's House, Bankside

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 North of new British Library, St Pancras

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opera house 560 people have to bung their heads against a brick wall for 300 days a year. They do make it work: the feat of staging Die Soldaten this season showed that. But there comes a point when the feeling of permanent attrition exceeds the rewards."

Unlike the Royal Opera House, however, the Coliseum cannot be redeveloped on to adjacent land: it is locked in by roads, alleys and surrounding buildings. So there is no chance of building what most big modern opera houses have: parallel stages for rehearsal and for storage of sets. Nor can it expand down-wards; an underground stream already supplies more than enough winter floods.

Nevertheless, after ENO acquired the Coliseum freehold in 1992 it did commission the architects Sheppard Robson to devise a redevelopment. This would have provided greatly improved foyers and other front-of-house facilities, and done something to modernise the stage and meet essential health-and-safety require-ments. On this basis, ENO drafted a lottery bid.

"It was a very ingenious scheme," Marks says. "But at the end of the day the company was still spread over six separate sites across London. It still didn't have an in-house rehearsal stage. It was still tied to 650 scenery shifts by hand ch year. And the estimate for all this was around £50 million, plus perhaps £20 million to cover relocation costs dur-ing two years of rebuilding. I did not feel we could justify a lottery bid on this basis. We decided we had to commission a comparative study."

Cynics will find it unsurprising that the resulting feasi-bility study supports Marks's preference for a new opera house. But the report also has many huge lottery-funded redevelopments under way, there is no big new building commissioned. I find it extraordinary that London is approaching the millennium without a single completely new architectural project,"

Marks says. However, the report is less enthusiastic about ENO's idea of having a new opera house auditorium attached. It points out that "the option that reduces risk to ENO, costs less

"The limitations of the Coliseum have long been apparent . . . its Edwardian hydraulics rely heavily on teams of stagehands working round the clock"

gests that ENO put its smaller-scale and contemporary work "at another venue, in all probablity Sadler's Wells". pointing out that "it provides good business for another Arts Council lottery elient, and makes good sense in terms of

cost-effective use of lyric theatre facilities" But what about the risk of End? St Martin's Lane buzzes every night, as the crowds flood out of theatres, cafes, restaurants and cinemas. It is hard to imagine ENO enjoying this kind of atmosphere in

"north of St Pancras". Marks talks grandly of how a new cultural institution can "lead an urban regeneration, just as the Lincoln Centre did Side or the Sydney Opera House did in a rundown harbour area. But there must be a risk that the urban

retains a woefully unlyrical ambience.

Today, however, ENO's patrons may be puzzling over a different question: why did ENO eagerly accept the freehold of the Coliseum in 1992 and with it the perpetually draining obligation "to secure and improve the fabric of the theatre, front and back of house" -- if the old place was so unsuited to its needs? Marks (who had not joined ENO in 1992) points out that

run out in 1997, so the freehold

ENO's future, and second.

there was no lottery in 1992, so

there was no point even in thinking about a new theatre." He compares ENO's current resolve to move to new premises with the National Theatre's determination in the 1960s. "The Old Vic is much loved, just as the Coliseum is, had to be bought to secure but it was never going to accommodate the kind of Nat-

ional Theatre that people wanted to create," Marks says. With Paul Daniel coming as our music director, ENO will ever more committed to developing singers, audiences and repertoire of the future. I don't think this vision is best served by a palace of varieties that is almost a century old."

It expects to choose a site and an architect within the next 12 money and raises the least months. A lottery application would then be lodged during 1998.

Building work would take two years, meaning that ENO would remain at the Colliscom until at least 2001.

money and raises the least number of managerial issues for ENO is the single auditorium solution. The report sugregeneration simply won't happen, leaving ENO strand-

LONDON RECITALS: Youthful exuberance in new music and Beethoven

### Class of '97 looks to the future

TWO things combine to make Brunel Ensemthe Park Lane Group's New ble on Sunday Year series of Young Artists Concerts something special.

The first is the exceptionally Concerts sometimes

The first is the exceptionally high level of accomplishment only is the Endisplayed by each annual crop semble, founded in 1992, its delicate filigree textures, packed with fine musicians, drawing sensitive playing from a reduced ensemble, in their enthusiasm for challing finte and clarinet. they are. The second is the lenging contemporary music unflagging commitment to shines through.

tably prevented the usual PLG commission, three past commissions (including one from selves unashamedly earthy. Payne) are to be heard again. The players were kept on their Payne) are to be heard again this year, and there will be 15 toes — not least the two premieres, including five new percussionists who displayed works composed for the series. - nifty footwork - and Christo-

cycles on disc for posterity, the brighter-

eyed among their colleagues (and they do not come much more twinkling than the

Carmina Quartet) choose other ways.

This Swiss quartet elected to share-Beethoven's 17 string quartets with five equally distinctive ensembles, including

the Leipzig and the Hagen, in a series of six programmes at the Wigmore Hall.

The Keller Quartet (tomorrow) and the

Quatur Mosaigues (February 2) have yet to be savoured. On Saturday it was the turn of the masterminders of the series

themselves. Of all these ensembles, the

Carmina is perhaps the hardest to define.

its quality of rare yet clusive musicianship is its greatest joy. And nowhere more

so than in three works which show

twin virtues of

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Precision of ensemble and music of our time.

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This year's featured composer is Anthony Payne, and although lack of funds regretation.

The programme began with tuning were tested both here and in Elisabeth Lutyens's Six Bagatelles, where the often spare quality of the writing draws attention to such matters. The Brunel passed the test with flying colours.

A new work by Morgan Hayes, titled Viscid, aptly conjured textures that were max before its unpredictable quiet end. The Ensemble was as impressive here as in Richard Rodney Bennen's Book of Hours, though the more conventional idiom of the latter once or twice high-

lighted imperfect intonation. drawn by John Woolrich from his 1996 chamber opera In the House of Crossed Desires, the clocks, crashing pots and pans, braying clarinets and growling tuba. Conductor and ensemble entered fully into the spirit of the piece.

BARRY MILLINGTON

#### WHILE the quartet worthes of this world make their dutiful journeys through Beethoven and lay down their successive The puzzle solvers

Carmina Quartet Wigmore Hall

first Beethoven ever wrote, the players teased out the enigmas posed by the little opening sigh, as it metamorphoses throughout the first movement. Their way was to play with a quietness and closeness of ensemble, with minimum vibrato and short, neat chording, which drew the listener in more deeply than any Becthoven, too, at his most ambiguous.

The Carmina chose one early, one middle, one late quartet—each with a middle, one late quartet. puzzlesat its heart. For the Op 18 No 3, the had no lear of the most dizzying of flights.

Unease was more acute in the biting discord which began the C major Rasumovsky Quartet. The Carmina, with its fine sense of timing, kept its audience as tense with expectation as if it had never heard the work before. The slow move-ment was no less special. Led by Matthias Enderle's dark, resinous first violin, the players seemed transformed into ghostly figures caught in an unending and timeless round dance, to the numb pizzicato pulse of Stephan Goerner's cello.

The Quartet in A minor, Op 132, seemed to sum up all that had gone before. The Carmina's best attributes its supple democracy of ensemble, its incisiveness, and a blending of voices subtle enough for Renaissance polyphony - all fused to recreate Beethoven's great Heiliger Dankgesang, a "Sacred song of thanks from a convalescent to the "Godhead" in which one member of the audience at least could share.

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CHOICE 2

Michael Flatley returns to London with Lord of the Dance

VENUE: Tonight at Wembley Arena





**ECHOICE 3** 

The Cliff Richard musical juggernaut Heathcliff hits Manchester VENUE: Tonight at the Palace Theatre



**MUSIC** 

The great Spanish tenor Alfredo Kraus lends his voice to a singing competition in the Canary Islands

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MUSIC: Alfredo Kraus joins winners of the prize named after him; plus a compact Traviata

plaque marks the birthplace of Alfredo Kraus. For 30 years the great Spanish tenor has been the most famous citizen of the Canary Islands, and their leading musical export. Since 1990 he has been president of the jury in the biennial singing competition in the Perez Galdos. Recently, for the first time, he gave it his voice as well as his

The competitors were lured not only by two first prizes of £7,500 each but also by the possibility of singing operatic duets with Kraus at a gala with the Filarmonica de Gran Canaria. It makes a change from the masterclasses which usually follow such events. And, with television cameras in attendance, the publicity value was obvious. The success of the Cardiff Singer of the World competition has shown that exposure to a wide audience is what makes the agents come running with contracts.

The jury might well have been looking for a lyric tenor to carry on the Kraus tradition. If so, they were disappointed. The two finalists in this category, both Koreans, picked up no pesetas. In a remarkable show of unanimity, the jury, audience and a handful of attendant critics all gave their vote to Felipe Bou, a bass brought up in Brazil and now working in Spain.

This did cause a problem: suitable operatic duets for tenor and bass are very thin on the ground. So instead Bou got a solo spot and proved, with Il lacerato spirito from Simon Boccanegra, that he is a Verdian of potential. Two days earlier he had eclipsed all his rivals with more Verdi, Ella giammai m'amo from Don Carlo, sung at the jury's special request.

To take on, at the age of 28, two such troubled, elderly gentlemen as Fiesco and Philip II of Spain shows considerable maturity. But Bou is aiready a veteran of several operatic competitions and it showed in his composure on stage and his handling of words. His real quality stems from the evenness of his tone and an effortless lower register.

OPERA in its full glory may be hideously expensive to ount, but over the past decade Travelling Opera has shown that, by choosing wisely, it is possible to put on a creditable imitation of the original at a fraction of the cost. Verdi's Aida. with its massed ranks of soldiers and slaves, might tax the ingenuity even of Travelling Opera's founder-director, Peter Knapp, but the same composer's La traviata, intimate and chamber-like in conception, loses remarkably little when done by such reduced forces (13 singers and 11 instrumentalists).

characteristic sonorities are retained in Richard Bal-



So four of the other finalists stepped forward to give Kraus a chance to return to some of his most famous roles. The sole entrant from London to carry off a prize, Veronica Reznikovskaya, born in St Petersburg but trained at the Guildhall, was a griefladen Charlotte to his Werther in Act III of Massenet's opera. There was Donizetti's Nemorino, of course, and Puccini's Rodolfo, with Kraus holding back nothing. He has just turned 69 and never appears to take a breath. The voice maintains its extraordinary

resonance, with the high notes cutting through the air like a shining blade. If you sing with Kraus then expect no quarter - and that is the best possible preparation for an operatic career.

The pick of the four duets was from The Pearl Fishers with a 26-year-old baritone from Madrid, Jose Prontal. Nadir is not a part Kraus has sung much onstage, and not for more than ten years. But the softly floated pianissimos are still there. Frontal gave him excellent support and was rewarded with a solo zarzuela song.

Faultless technique plus the meticulous selection of a small number of roles and the careful rationing of his appearances are the reasons why Kraus is still in prime voice at an age when most singers are content with character parts. Kraus, who made his operatic debut exactly 40 years ago, has never accepted a supporting part. He is due to appear in concert with the Royal Opera in 1998. Watch for further -announcements

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combe's arrangement, dominated by woodwind and Knapp's travelling production of 1994, designed by Venetia Davan Wetton, is dwarfed by the Barbican stage, but with the band able to occupy the platform with the singers, the rapport was excellent. The standard of playing was also very high, and Alex Ingram's direction was clean and precise, with just enough flexibility to register fluctuating emotions.

Vocally it is a good company show, with little danger of any principal being eclipsed by star quality elsewhere.

La traviata . Barbican

Penelope Shaw tackles the formidable title role with commendable composure and a fair sense of style. On the opening night a palpable tightness combined with overgenerous vibrato tended to deprive her phrases of natural shaping, but the role is surely within her grasp. Opposite her. Biorn Arvidsson's Alfredo injects passion into the part, even though his tone is somewhat undernourished. More-

over, he cuts a sympathetic figure: I particularly liked the way his reluctance to propose the toast at the beginning was clearly the result of shyness -no faise modesty here.

His father, Germont, is played by Glenville Hargreaves with a dignity and authority that do not exclude sympathy. His dramatic entry towards the end of Act II to denounce his son's conduct capitalised on his noble bearing and was accompanied by an effective lighting change (Paul J. Need) to an icy blue that froze the other characters on the spot.

JOHN HIGGINS Among remaining roles, Andrew Dale Forbes's Marchese D'Obigny is particularly worthy of mention, while Flo ra is satisfactorily taken by

> Annina and Graham Case the Doctor, doubling as a chorus member to bolster the number of guests at Flora's party. Knapp's production, as be-fits the work, is not one of his racier efforts. Indeed, it is inclined to be understated and is unlikely to alienate the good people of Cheltenham and Basingstoke as it sets off on its

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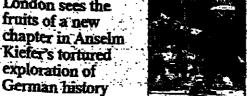
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# Ploughing a new furrow

Five years ago Anselm Kiefer stopped painting. Richard Cork welcomes his confident return

owards the end of 1991. Anselm Kiefer suddenly stopped making art. It seemed an astonishing decision for an energetic man who had pro-duced so much powerful work over the previous two decades. At the same time, he left his native Germany and settled in the South of France. The move fuelled an amtious suspicion that Kiefer whose art had been obsessed with his country's tragic history, was aban-doming his principal source of

Since he did not resume work for more than three years, the concern grew more acute. But now that Kiefer has started painting again, often on surfaces as monumental as before, his long period of abstinence appears less alarming. Confidently occupying the grandeur of the South London Gallery as well as large rooms at Anthony d'Offay's, the recent work adds up to a rebirth. These towering images sug-gest that Kiefer underwent a self-imposed exorcism, struggling to free himself from the traumas of the past in order to. begin all over again.

Not that the new, purged artist is unrecognisable. The furrowed fields that played such a central role in former paintings reappear here, most notably in some titanic exhibits at the South London Gallery. But they are very different, in mood and composition alike from the blackened expanses of scorched, smoking earth he depicted before. Kiefer's earlier fields astation. They came to be seen

as symbols of Germany itself. still suffering from the annihilation and shame of the Nazi

in the new images, though, fields are confined to the lower part of the canvas. Paler and more parched than their mired forerunners, they are made subservient in every case to colossal areas of sky. The sense of release is palpa-

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ble: our eyes, liberated from terra firma, are allowed at last to wander across the immensity of space. And although the sky initially seems to be invaded by swarms of insects, the dark specks turn out to be real sunflower seeds glued to the picture surface. Whether floating upwards or descending like manna from the cosmos, they show that Kiefer is now permitting himself to regard the land as a haven for fresh growth and hope.

He also gives himself a prominent place in this awakening. Nearly 30 years ago, when Kiefer produced a disquieting series of self-portrait photographs, he wore a Nazi uniform and gave the Heil Hitler salute to mark the locations across Europe. To-

day, however, this guilty iden tification with the murderous lust for war has been replaced by a healing alternative. In-stead of ironically glorying in aggression, Kiefer represents mself as a semi-naked figure lying in a field of outsized sunflowers. With bare arms placed calmly at his sides and legs together, he adopts the pose known in yoga as the shawasana. The uninhabited countryside and equally desolate halls in Kiefer's previous work have given way, here, to · more murturing region where humanity can once again become visible.

about this radically altered vision. Kiefer left Germany in the year of reunification, a momentous event that must have made him realise that his harrowing preoccupation with war was over. But the widespread elation that accompa-nied the dismantling of the Berlin Wall cannot be detected in his new paintings. Their optimism is qualified and hard-won. Compared with Van Gogh's sunflowers, emanating the heat of a Provençal summer, Kiefer's look ominously black.

So despite Kiefer's passionate belief in the prospect of from the past. Fresh life only seems possible if it springs from a sacrificial source. The man in a yogic trance appears be offering himself. defencelessly, to the sunflowers. Near by, in a book filled



Kiefer's Ich halte alle Indien in meiner Hand, inspired by a 17th-century sonnet: "in the chilled sobriety of winter, global harmony is achieved"

emulsion have been applied to photo-collages sprinkled with ash, grass and wild plants grow over the remains of obliterated cities. Kiefer's involvement with the subject stems from his awareness that bombed German cities after the Second World War often

A tough-minded duality lies at the centre of Kiefer's vision. It means that his new work. for all its emergent sense of promise, never lapses into wishful thinking. The sun-

ended up covered with natural

as a cloud of locusts. Without retaining a suggestion of their baleful presence, he finds a positive future impossible to

imagine. In some pictures, the corpselike meditator is replaced by a vertical man. According to the title of one tall, narrow image, this balding and wispily bearded figure is Robert Fludd, the loth-century physician and mystic philosopher best known for his influential History of Both Worlds. Unlike the trousered man lying amid the sunflowers, he is naked. And the connection

with Fludd indicates that Kiefer is exploring ideas about the microcosm of the individual nourished by the macrocosm of the universe.

Even here, though, at the height of his striving for an interconnected wholeness, he stops well short of bliss. Fludd. who can also be seen as a selfportrait of the artist, looks haggard as he hangs upsidedown among the drooping flowers. He appears to have risen from the earth with difficulty, and when the same male nude is placed the right way up among the continents

of the world he looks no less gaunt than before. This time, the image takes

its name from a line by the 17th-century Spanish poet Francesco de Quevedo. In his lyrical sonnet, Portrait of Lisi which was Brought in a Ring, the writer finds himself entranced by the burnished miniature and concludes ecstati-cally that "I hold all Indias in my hand". None of the shining, seductive colours in Quevedo's enchanting ring can be found in Kiefer's dour picture. Restricted to umber,

sepia and pale grey, it has the

chilled sobriety of winter. But the lines dangling like loose reins from the man's hands eventually curl upwards, embracing all the land masses. Global harmony is achieved. even if the figure's haunted eyes still belong to someone who once stared straight into the heart of darkness.

London Gallery (0171-703 613)) until Feb 9, and at Anthony d'Offay (0171-499 4100) until Feb 15. Richard Cork will chair a South London Gallery on Jun 15

### Cranking up the old Morris in the New Forest



Furniture by Rick Lawlor at ArtSway

SOMETHING new in art is village of Sway. Here up-and-stirring in the New Forest—that isomensely desirable haven of ists will be able to bounce ideas ancient peace, trees and wild ponies. Despite the beauty of the area and the unsurprising number of professional artists who have always been drawn to it, until now there has been no local

resource for Art with a capital A. No gallery, study centre, academy. And not just in the immediate area (population 116,000 and rising fast), but in the whole area-between Portsmouth and Reading. Though artists continue to find landscape subjects inspirational, aris centres tend to be confined to inner-city areas.

But now here is ArtSway, a small but significant centre for

off their peers, rent studios, exhibit and sell their work, and involve the local community in workshops. William Morris would have approved.

At the centre of the project is the converted stable block of Whitbread's 1890s Forest Heath Hotel, To this has been added a new top-lit exhibition gallery, a landscaped sculpture garden, and a studio block, with all the building design work handled by the architect Tony Fretton.

As its director Linda Fredericks points out, ArtSway is very much a modern response to the current cultural, social and economic contemporary visual arts in the climate. All its usable space is Linda Blair on an arts centre which hopes to unite artists and community

multipurpose, and wired up with subfloor ISDN lines, so it can display multimedia exhibits as well as conventional artwork. An essential part of ArtSway's

function as a resource for artists will also be to create a dialogue with everyone else. Fredericks says: "Artists are part of the community, but over the years they've come to be seen as separate. Now we want to put them back together. Not as teachers, but as the expressers of ideas they absorb from everyone and that everyone can ap-

The project started five years ago as the brainchild of a small group of artists, with Fredericks an artist and resident herself) as the prime mover. Now it is a registered charity, a partnership" between the artists and Southern Arts, Hampshire CC and New Forest DC. Last year it took off via an Arts Council lottery grant of £306,000, and additional funding from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts (£80,000) and the New Forest DC

Whitbread chipped in by leasing the old coach house and the

land for the extension at a peppercorn rent. But while Whitbread adds lustre to its corporate image, the immediate community is hoping for more direct benefits, such as helping village shops to compete with the superstores; the doctor's surgery manager hopes to be able to use some of the workshops for "art

In any case ArtSway will have to generate its own income through rents on studio space. commission on sales, art workshops and conferences "not necessarily on art subjects". But there will be no admission charges for exhibitions nor, Fredericks in-sists, will ArtSway turn itself into yet another New Forest souvenir

Fredericks is aware of the difficulty of keeping ArtSway simultaneously "accessible" and at the leading edge of art practice. Expressing this symbiosis, the opening exhibition, Marking Presence, from January 31, will be of drawings by well established artists (including Deanna Petherbridge, Bill Woodrow and Alison Wilding) plus a video projection of local people telling their own stories — by artist-in-residence

Julie Myers. ArtSway should succeed in pioneering an entirely new type of showcase for younger professional artists in rural areas. Its larger aim of creating an exchange of ideas with the surrounding community will be harder to achieve.

A guide to the best available recordings presented in conjunction with Radio 3

HANSEL AND GRETEL Reviewed by Rodney Mines HUMPERDINCK's fairytale opera is conceived orchestrally on a Wagnerian scale, so in terms of a recording you need to hear everything that's going on in the score. For that reason historic versions in mono have to be discarded from the nine currently available.

duil Witch but has good Among the early stereo sets. children and equally good the EMI recording under Andre Cluytens boasts fine playing from the Vienna Philharmonic and the RCA version under Kurth Eichhorn has perhaps the best Gretel of. all in Helen Donath. But there are also drawbacks in both casts. John Pritchard's recording on CBS is disappointingly ill-balanced but has a mesmerising Witch in Elisa-

The most recent version (1992) is conducted by Donald Runnicles on Teldec and his Witch, Hanna Schwarz, is also outstanding. He also has a lovely Gretel in Ruth Ziesak, but strident parents and a sonorous but faceless Hansel.



parents. The version under Georg Solti (DECCA 421 III-2, 2-CD, £29.99) has marvellous playing by the Vienna
Philharmonic Lucia Popp and Brigitte Fassbaender as the children; and a matchless Sandman from Norma Burrowes. The Philips set under Colin Davis (1992) with the Dresden Staatskapelle is outstanding, their playing is silk-en and fine-toned. The cast — Edita Gruberova, Ann Murray, Gwyneth Jones, Franz Grundheber and Christa Ludwig - is hard to heat. If I settle for Solti on Decea, it is because conductor, cast and orchestra

on EMI is compromised by a slightly detached New Saturday on Radio 3 (9am): Ravel's Miroirs

ANYONE who supposes that "contemporary artists' books" are likely to be, well, books as we normally know them is in for a shock at Speck Studios. The title of the exhibition is By Its Cover, and indeed one should be very wary of judg-ing any of these books by its cover — even supposing that you could safely distinguish the cover and work out how to open or close it. You might, for example, find that Patricia Collins's Breakfast Book turns out, disorientatingly, to contain a bacon and egg on toast, and even the sauce bottle to go with it. Mail's Brainwave from II, in the proper Surrealist fashion, cradles a bra with two forks. Not all the artists are quite so

civilised. Some do John Latham-ish things with books cut up, burnt and otherwise destroyed before being reconstituted in quasi-sculptural form. The last thing you could do here is actually read anything. But after all, the world is full of libraries . . . Speck Studios, 17 Rylston Road, SW6 (0171-386 0095) Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-3pm. until Friday.

☐ IT IS tempting to compare the photographer Charles Hoff to the painter Sam Rabin. Both have concentrated to an extraordinary degree in their work on the prize fights. And both seem to be less interested in the human drama of the fight game than in its formal qualities. Hoff's primary concern at the outset must have been reportage. Fine Arts, one would have

#### ABOUND THE LONDON GALLERIES



The properly Surreal Brainwave from JJ by Mali

capturing the dimactic moments, the agony and the ecstasy. But news value seems rapidly to have been replaced by an almost sculptural sense of the relationship of one massive form to another. An element of heroic exaggeration is perhaps almost inevitable in any picture taken from floorlevel looking up. And yet these boxers appear more often painfully vulnerable than loomingly heroic. Special Photographers Company. 21 Kensington Park Road, WII (0171-221 3489).

11am-5pm, until Jan 18. ☐ FACED even a very few years ago with the prospect of a show by six Polish sculptors from the Gdansk Academy of

Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

known just what to expect. Now, with all of Western art opened like an oyster to artists of the former Eastern bloc, it is impossible even to guess. In the event, the sculptors of the Gdansk Group, showing at the Polish Cultural Institute as an early contribution to next year's celebration of the Gdansk millennium, prove 10 go off very much each in his or her own direction. Stanislaw Radwanski, the teacher and leader of the group, is the most consciously virtuosic, proving that he can carve marble or cast bronze as well as any modern master. Among the younger members, Mariusz Bialecki comes up with a particularly beguiling idea for his Self Portrait, carving it very approximately in wood, and then marking out the

features in pencil. Dabrowka modest works, but her small ceramic bas reliefs of mountain formations are intensely memorable.

Polish Cultural Institute, 34 Portland Place, WI (0171-636 6032). Mon-Fri 10am-ipm (Thurs to Spm), until Jan 20.

☐THIS year again Chris Bectles is offering his regular holiday season bonne bouche of The Illustrators, representing British illustration from 1780 to date. As usual the main weight of the show, which features some 500 items, falls in the late Victorian and early modern era, the so-called heyday of the giftbook and coloured illustration a la Arthur Rackham and Heath Robinson. There is enough of both those artists to satisfy the most demanding collector. But Beetles is also very skilled at rooting out lesser-known artists of comparable interest and skill: Helen Jacobs's image of Ariel on a bat's back is quite worthy of Rackham, and William M. Timlin's The Treasure Ships is instinct with Masefieldian romance. If your taste goes to recent cartoonist/ illustrators like Giles or Larry or Quentin Blake, those requirements too can be satisfied. And the catalogue is, as ever, a Christmas gift in itself. Chris Beetles, 8 & 10 Ryder Street, SWI (0171-839 7551) Mon-Sat 10am-5,30pm, until

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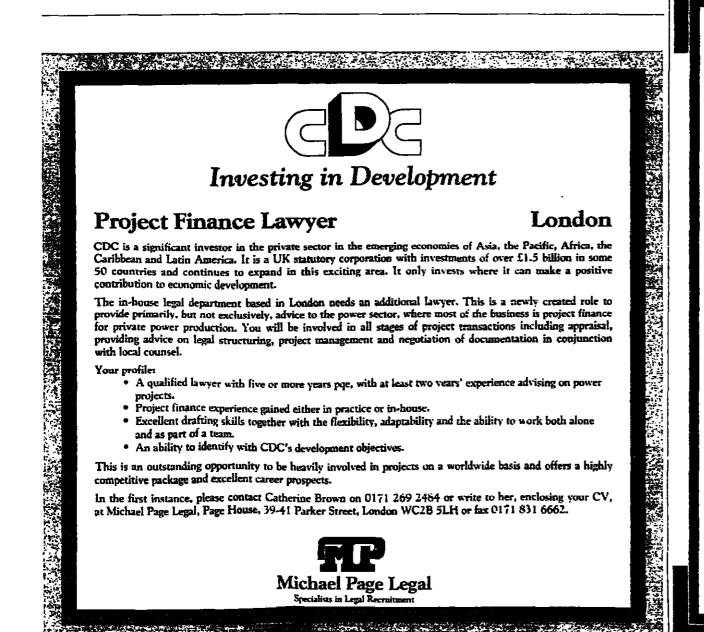
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The ancient finders-keepers principle is being lost. Gary Slapper reports



# hose treasure now?

ERT SMITH hey may not realise it, but children who gleefully and defiantly shout findersly shout "finders-keepers" are citing one of the oldest maxims of English law. Now much of the ancient regulation governing treasure trove -- established by common law — has been quietly reorganised by the Treasure

Act 1996 and, when it comes into force, some of the legal landscape relatively untouched since 1265 will be significantly altered.

A code of practice governing the reporting of discoveries was published in December by the Department of National Heritage, inviting comments from interested parties, and the Act will come into force this year, once Parlia-

ment approves the code. There are about 30,000 metal detector enthusiasts in Britain. who find 400,000 items a year. The National Council of Metal Detecting says that many of its members will give up the hobby because there will no longer be any incentive.

The principle evolved before the establishment of banks was that wealth hidden from the King would revert to the Crown. Under the old law. (which will still apply to items found before the Act comes into force), anything discovered that "it will belong to the original is made of a "substantial" owner or his heirs. If these is made of a "substantial" proportion of gold or silver must be reported to the local coroner, who will hold an inquest with a jury: If the property appears to have been concealed by the original owner with a view to later recovery. and now has no known owner. it is treasure trove - it belongs to the Crown by prerogative. In practice, the items will then go to the British Museum, the National Museum of Wales or the Environment Department in

pay the "market value" to the finder. Valuations are carried out by the Treasure Trove

Reviewing Committee The trouble with this, for museum curators and archaeologists, is that some splendid finds, which are not precious metal - such as the Middleham jewel, valued at £2,500,000 -- are not protected as treasure trove and thus can fall into private hands. It was fortunate that the refusal of an export licence prevented that

find from leaving the country. The same lack of protection also applies to anything, even precious metal, found to have been lost rather than hidden, and to all sorts of gemstones and pottery, hidden or not. If

must deliver it to the properly entitled person or, if there are rival claimants, invite them to take proceedings to determine rightful ownership. In prac-tice, this means that a finder will often be able to sell the object to the highest bidder,

One serious problem with using coroners' inquests in these cases is that the jury's verdict is not conclusive and disputes over legal rights can be litigated in the civil courts.

which is often a private inter-

est rather than a British

This is something that Ian Fletcher painfully discovered in 1995. Mr Fletcher using a metal detector in Farnham, Surrey, discovered a medieval

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, under the ancient rules of treasure trove — established by common law, in which the finders keepers principle evolved — the Crown, and they measure have here a part to keep only there there. had apparently been busied for concealment and that were made substantially of gold or silver.

The Treasure Act will supersede this. From later this year, a wider range of discovered items will have to be reported to a coroner, and they will enjoy protection from the old rule.

an object is not treasure trove. cannot be determined, an object buried in or attached to land or a building is legally that of the owner or occupier of the land or building. How-ever, when an object is found lying on land not occupied by anyone, or occupied by someone not manifesting an intention to exercise control over it, the finders-keepers rule

will apply. Under the common law, if the object found is held not to

gold brooch 9in beneath the soil in a local park. At a coroner's inquest, the brooch was found not to be treasure trove and duly returned to Mr

Fletcher. Nevertheless, the owners of the park, Waverley Borough Council, took civil action to claim the brooch and eventually won. The Court of Appeal held that where an object had been found in land, the owner of the land had a better title to the object than the finder. The court held that excavating the soil and removing property in

they were lost, abandoned or buried in a grave. A new driving and police powers to

the land were acts of trespass

which, in any event, together

with metal detecting, were not

recreational pursuits permit

The main purpose of the coroner's inquest into treasure

trove is to preserve artefacts

for their archaeological or

historical interest. The proce-

dure seems defective, how-

ever, because so many objects

of historical value, such as

genistones, pottery, and cloth fall outside the current defini-

tion. And to be classified as

treasure trove (and thus end

up in a museum), the object

needs to be something that

was deliberately concealed in

times past. So many objects

that look as though they were simply lost or abandoned are

allowed to fall into private

old common law, covers man-

made objects and is intended

to extend the protection currently afforded to gold and silver objects to a wider range

of archaeological finds and to

remove some of the anachro-

into force, the Treasure Act

will cover all hoards of coins at

least 300 years old with a gold or silver content of at least 10 per cent (or less if there are

more than ten coins). The Act

will also apply to objects at

least 300 years old with a

precious metal content of at

least 10 per cent, and other materials and objects found in

archaeological association

The most important change.

though, will be the absence of

need to determine why objects came to be buried in the

ground. They will thus have

the status of treasure even if

with the treasure.

nisms of the existing law. When its provisions come

The new Act, replacing the

ownership.

ted by the park rules.

Treasure Valuation Commit-

tee will advise on ex-gratic

payments to be made to find-

ers. Objects not included in the

new definition of treasure are

termed "portable antiquities" and reporting of these will be

The Act also says that

treasure inquests shall nor-mally be held without a jury

and creates a new criminal

offence of failing to report potential treasure to a coroner

within 14 days of the find.

Treasure seekers who fail to

report a find will face three

months' jail, fines of up to

£5,000 or both. The Act thus

largely undermines the fin-

cases of uncovered measure.

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able to be selective in the

next decade it should be locked into a system more akin to a prosecuting solicitors department than a CPS.

those employed in the service as well as those suffering from the budget constraints imposed by the present arrangements deserve better. For whatever else may be the case, to use employed lawyers as advocates in the higher courts will, inevitably, produce greater savings and therefore a more effective use of whatever budget is, or is likely to be,

mix. Continued use of advocates from outside the CPS will always be a feature. In that way. the service obtains the best of both worlds. the benefits and drawbacks of change as well as a realisation that the status quo cannot continue for very much longer.

• The author is senior partner of Foot & Bowden

### The prosecution of their profession

Will solicitors win rights of audience in higher courts?

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The senior judges of England and Wales are now locked in debate over whether to allow solicitors employed in the Crown Prosecution Service the right to prosecute cases in the Crown Court. The decision of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, after taking account of their views, is expected in the next few weeks. The decision will mark the end of a battle that has been waged at least since the Lord Chancellor published his Green Papers proposing reform of the legal profession and the abolition of lawyers' monopolies, includ-

ing that of the Bar in the higher courts. If the decision is in favour of limited rights for employed solicitors it will put in place the final keystone for the CPS, which has lobbied for extended advocacy rights since the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

raised the prospect. Earlier this year, in the Appellate Court in Adelaide, a lawyer employed by South Australia's Director of Public Prosecutions, argued in that court on an interlocutory matter without any apparent difficulty. Indeed, the irony of the case, to me, was that the advocate in question was a

former solicitor employed by the CPS in England. If such matters can he dealt with adequately in similar jurisdictions. what is unique about our jurisdiction, where everyone has the vapours as soon as the prospect of similar rights of audience is mentioned? We are told that one of

the problems would be a lack of objectivity and independence, the implication being that state employees are unlikely to have such qualities. This is an unattractive suggestion and one that defies logical analysis. Who is likely to be the more independent and objective - the advocate who is hired temporarily but looks, and hopes, for more work in the future and perhaps performs accordingly. or the one who is secure in his employment and perhaps, therefore, is the less concerned about the outcome? After all, the prosecutor's task is merely to present competently and fairly the facts of a matter to the jury and the court. The outcome should be - and, I suspect, nearly always is — a matter of indifference whether he be employed or selfemployed.

ders-keepers principle. In theory, the museum-using public will be saved from be-It is said that a further reason is the issue of disclosure of evidence. Yet the past 25 years ing losing weepers in future are littered with cases where inadequate disclosure has been a problem and where the prosecutor has been not an employed lawyer

An irony of this particular debate is that, of

retention of the present system.

course, in some areas the CPS already has the rights of audience it seeks elsewhere. In the West Country, burglaries committed on one side of the River Tamar - in Cornwall - can be dealt with by an advocate employed by the CPS who has a right of audience in Truro Crown Court and exercises it. If the hurglaries are committed on the other side of the river, in Plymouth, that privilege is not open to the CPS. Such is the current logic.

One should then turn to the issue of the

but self-employed counsel. The history sur-

rounding disclosure of evidence, therefore,

seems to be as much in favour of change as a

CPS budget. There would be an enormous and immediate saving on the budget if it were

> cases handed to counsel on the ground of need rather than because of a restrictive practice. That issue of the savings is usually skirted over delicately, one notices. by those proposing the continuation of the present This country is unique in

having a CPS that cannot exercise the normal rights of audience, common to most other such services elsewhere. It may have made sense for that to be the case at the initiation of the service but, now that it has established itself as well as improved its stature. the next step must surely beckon. It cannot seriously be suggested that for the

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Kennedy and Lord Scarman, fy the wrongful convictions of was chosen to "devil" for Wilguire Seven. The book should encourage students battling for a place at the Bar. Devlin himself had a difficult start



in a famous murder case.

subjects, according to Quarry Dougali's lastest survey. Banking and finance, corporate and property are the areas drawing the highest

Opening the book THE 1997 edition of Passport, the award-winning pocket guide to the law for young people, will be launched on Thursday by the Citizenship Foundation. "Ignorance of the law," the charity says, "is widespread. For many people, particularly the young, the law is a closed book - to

against them." The book gives practical guidance on the law in every area of life encountered by young people, from drugs to

be used not by them but

Thorpe, editor, 01777 700220.

the use of two lawyers in court goes on. In the latest move, the Lord Chancellor's Department is about to finalise legal aid regulations to restrict attendance by defence solicitors on defence counsel in Crown Court hearings. The regulations will cover simple trials

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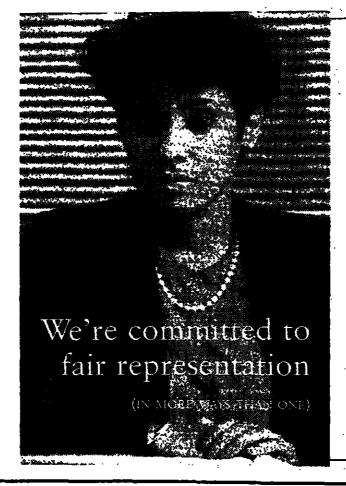
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## In the words of the prisoner

was starting to undertake criminal cases, I asked a client about his alibi. Going case, wasn't it?" he replied. I looked sheepish and asked what it meant. He looked at me as though I was a country cousin and replied: 'Going case ... going case with a

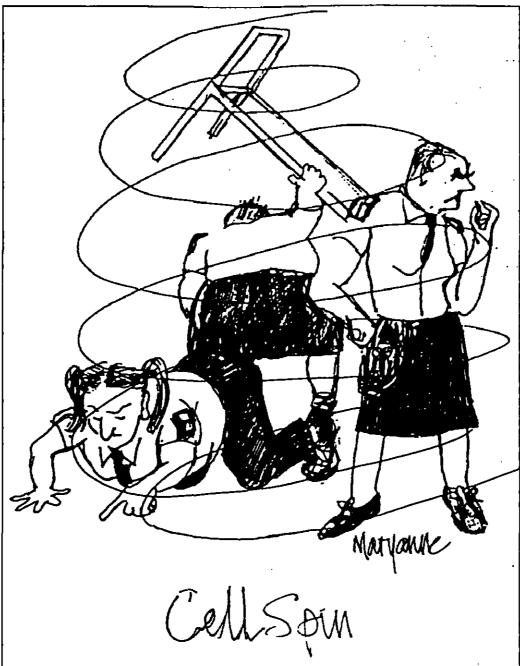
mystery?"
Going case comes from old slang for a brothel and is to sleep with a girl, and a mystery is a girl, possibly though not conclusively from the phrase "It's a mystery how she's still a virgin". Another suggestion is that "mystery" is rhym-ing slang and comes from the old radio show that featured a "mystery word. The rhyming slang would follow with word rhyming with bird and the actual rhyme

being dropped. Though neither "going case" nor "mystery" actually appear in Ange-la Devlin's Prison Patter (Waterside Press, £13.50), the other 2,500 entries should prevent young solicitors, magistrates, probation officers and even magistrates from asking questions that disrupt the narrative. (I once saw a magistrate bemused by a defendant who asked

to go for a Jimmy )
The blurb claims, incorrectly, that the book is the first dictionary of words and slang from prisons. The first, Lags' Lexicon, was in fact published some years ago. In the late 1980s, if I may mention it covered much the same ground. Of

dinary slang, has changed over the years and now much of the book is devoted to the names of various types of drugs and drug-taking, something almost completely absent from the Lags' Lexicon. Even the definitions appear to have changed. Of course, slang, particularly criminal slang, is a living language. For example, "Mary Jane" used to be marijuana but is now rhyming slang for cocaine. This directory of drug slang is, per-haps, the most useful function of

For the general reader or a lawyer who does not simply want to use the book as a reference, there are annoying inconsistencies. Much of the fun of such a compilation is discovering how words and phrases came into use. Here, sometimes only partial explanations and listed as a lawyer, especially a barrister, and a search warrant, It also means both a cheque and a driving licence. In the case of "hooker" meaning prostitute, it is now more accepted that the word comes from the solicitation of the client or even the area of New York in which 19th-century prostitution flourished than from the eponymous American Civil War general suggested by Ms Devlin. Some origins are explained; others not. Partridge's Dictionary of the Underworld has not been updated for some years. Perhaps the time is



"Cell Spin", slang for a surprise cell search. The cartoon, from Prison Patter, is by a former prisoner

### Let this new heroine live

English writers believed that in this country judges ask counsel to "approach the bench". Usually, the Byzantine American criminal justice system was beyond novelists' understanding. Things have changed, thanks to courtroom TV and writers such as Scott Turow. Jonathan Davies (British) and Steve Martini (American). The last two are trial lawyers and each has produced a thriller based on the alltoo-often correct premise that the prosecution does not disclose its hand to the defence as it should.

In Undisclosed Material (Coronet. £5.99) Jonathan Davies, a barrister and judge, reintroduces Jeremy Scott, hero of his first novel. This time, Scott is embrailed with Jolyon Scribner, a judge who is keen to ensure not only that the defendants are found guilty, but also that in cases using informants, these witnesses are protected in every possible way. Little by little. Scott finds that the judge is probably being over-zealous and, indeed, has potentially unhealthy links with the officer in two seemingly unrelated cases.

In Steve Martini's The Judge (Headline, £5.99), the latest in his series, Armando Acosta, the judge who has clashed over the years in novels with the defence lawver Paul Madriani, starts in fine form, conducting an inquiry into the funds of a police union. Soon, things becomes unpleasant. Judge Acosta is accused of soliciting an undercover policewoman for pros-

In recent years, American court-

find a crime novel with au- attorneys defending their sons and ren, but Martini has a good explanation of why Judge Acosta should end up being defended by Madriani after the woman is found beaten to death in her flat.

Madriani is assisted by the broken-down lawyer Harry Hinds and hindered by Leonore Goya. formerly of the district attorney's office. Scott is helped by Catherine, an American and one of the army of part-time clerks used by lawyers to sit behind counsel in criminal trials. In both novels, the heroes come into possession of evidence withheld by police and court, and it with the problem. Publishers have decided that courtroom scenes are not in themselves sufficient to sell books and that there must be some sort of chase sequence. Scott goes to a walk through the old courtroom.

These novels are at their best when the heroes are locked in procedure and cross-examination. There is a fine sequence in The Judge when a child witness is examined; and Davies has already shown that he has a good ear for the nuances of a testy Crown Court

As with Davies's first book, there is. for legal London, the added enjoyment in Undisclosed Material of unlocking the roman-d-clef. The next problem for Martini will be arise from Madriani appearing in front of the judge who has been his client. For Davies, it is that Catherine is all too engaging and sparky a hero-ine to be dumped in the next book. ● James Morton is editor of New Law

MOST PEOPLE would say that the festive season is a time for families. It conjures up pictures of open log fires, children playing around the Christmas tree, roasting chestnuts and, of course. the Christmas spirit. But there are many for whom this period is a painful and isolated time of year, when families simply cannot be close.

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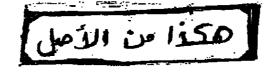
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A history of playing to the camera

disguise that racing lass behind the image makers in more popular sporting fields. Theatrical dives in the penalty area have long been the legacy of footballers, but when David Bridgwater claimed foul against Mick Fitzgerald on the Grand Nanional run in, the latter's novel view that Bridgwater had done a Klinsmann was with uproarious greated

No less amusing were Bridgwater's hopes of deceiving the referee - or stewards. as they are known in racing. These days stewards are sur-

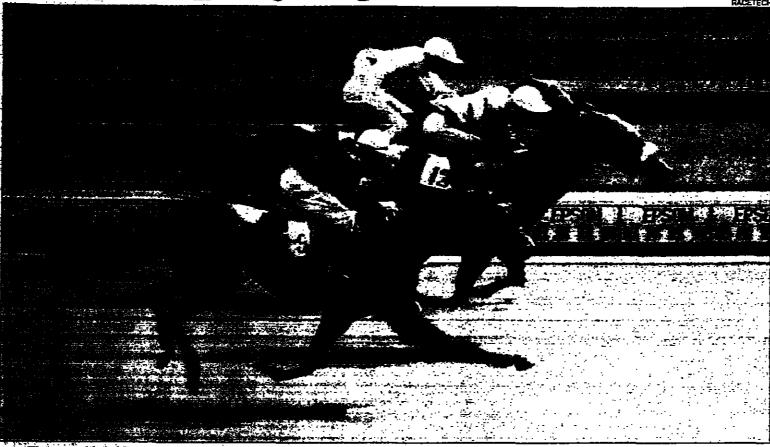
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Thunderer gave five winners a Southwell yesterday, mcLuding Down The Yard (5-1) and Chine Cardle (9-2). rounded by so many visual

aids that televised coverage of live football appears primitive by comparison. While the spontaneous decision remains central to soccer's fluctuations, there would be riots at racecourses if replays of an instant verdict on a tight finish proved it incorrect.

Racetech is the company charged with providing this technical support. The foundation on which it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary is that the camera never lies. If the best service is that which is widely taken for granted. Racetech rules with the millions happy to bet on a regular basis. Like the judge's reliance on the naked eye, the days when glaring assumptions were made at stewards' inquiries

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Mind you, that does not stop occasionals from questioning the evidence. Convinced that his horse had prevailed in a photo-finish, an owner recently ripped the official print from the display board and submitted it for intense independent scrutiny. He tried to presend that a speck of dirt on the film was part of the horse's bridle." Sim Harris, managing director of Racetech, said. No other source can provide

close finishes as this whollyowned subsidiary of the British Horseracing Board (BHB). The company's photo-linish equipment was on hand in 1949 to determine that Nimbus had narrowly bettered Abernant in the 2,000 Guineas, as indeed it was when the same cost prevailed from Armour Drake and Swallow Tail in a three-way photo for the Derby. The same equipment was also used at the 1948 Olympic Games in London.

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Since then Racetech has expanded its remit to include the provision of starting stalls, camera patrols and race timing devices at Britain's 59 racecourses. It became integral to each and every day's racing, and recently won a contract to supply Channel 4 Racing with most of its race footage. Yet the company was on the skids as recently as

Having initially provided the pictures when Satellite Information Services (SIS) - which broadcasts racing into betting shops — established itself ten years ago, Racetech was dropped when the contract expired in 1992. The satellite station employed Chrysalis to duplicate much of Racetech's work and Harris was called in to pick up the

"SIS has since moved the whole thing in-house," Harris said, "and there is widespread co-operation between both sets of staff at operational level. Our primary purpose is to concentrate on the integrity side, but I believe one organisation is capable of providing coverage from one operational truck, with individual broadcasters adding their own topspin through their own cameras. That is my ambition for Racetech."

The company has developed more commercial outlook since its adoption by the BHB. As for the future. Racetech is installing technology to deliver much-awaited sectional times

### **Carson outlines** plans to retire later this season

By Julian Muscat

WILLIE CARSON is to retire this year after completing his comeback from a life-threatening injury. Carson, 54, will give himself another chance of big-race glory on Bahhare, the 2000 Guineas favourite, but intends to "take a view as to my future" after most of the classics have been run.

Carson has been out of action since being kicked by Meshhed in the paddock at Newbury last September He spent 11 days in hospital with severe liver injuries. prompting widespread pre-dictions of impending retirement. Although he plans to return at the beginning of the turf season, he does not envisage his career being much prolonged. "Lester [Piggott] went on far too long," Carson said, "I can't see any further than this vear for myself."

Carson's thoughts on retirement came as a surprise to Sheikh Hamdan's racing manager, Angus Gold. "We would be delighted if Willie is going to go on." Gold said. last spoke to him before Christmas and he said he would let us know his plans in the new year. We imagined he'd first want to get fit and sit on a horse,"

Expanding on the possibility of Carson retiring in mid-season. Gold added: We have always retained him for the whole season but we'd have to sit down and talk to Willie before deciding how any retainer would work. A replacement has never been discussed. Richard Hills is our second jockey and I imagine he

would take over, although that will have to be confirmed by Sheikh Hamdan. I am all in favour of a retained jockey, the continuity is important. It helps if a jockey gets to know the horses.

Carson, who rode his first winner. Pinkers Pond, at Catterick in 1962, is, in terms of the number of winners the fourth most successful iockey in British Flat racing history with some 3.800 only by Sir Gordon Richards. Piggott and Pat Eddery. Although champion jockey on five occasions. it is his big-race successes for which he will be most

Four Derby winners Troy, Henbit, Nashwan and Erhaab — lead a list of 14 wins in British classics, including an Oaks success on The Queen's Dunfermline in her Jubilee year. 1977. He also enjoyed great success on the outstanding sprinter. Dayjur, who also provided Carson with one of his most remarkable defeats when jumping a shadow with the 1990 Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park, New York. apparently won.

☐ Tim Bulwer-Long, the racing manager to Wafic Said, yesterday denied spec-ulation that the Oaks winner. Lady Carla, will never race again. "She had treatment for her back and is looking good at the mo-ment," he said. "She is back at Warren Place and the plan for her, all being well. is to campaign again this

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#### BHB sanctions extra all-weather fixture

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) and Levy Board have agreed to stage an extra all-weather fixture at Wolverhampton on Saturday, The meeting will be televised by Channel 4 if the Warwick card on the same day falls to the weather.

For the ninth day in a row, there is no racing on turf today. Prospects look little better tomorrow. The meeting at Plumpton has been aban-

#### at Kelso, where there is snow. "I would say it is very doubtful," the clerk of the course said last night.

- INSPECTIONS

TOMORROW'S MEETINGS

WOLVERHAMPTON: all-weather KELSO: 9 Oram today (snow)

THURSDAY WINCANTON: 3.00pm today (frozen)

#### **Double Espresso looks strong** ONE of the quickest routes to penury is to rather bet against it. By contrast, Double

assume that a horse who has performed well on Fibresand at Southwell or Wolverhampton will show equally good form on the faster Equitrack at Lingfield (Richard Evans writes). The two all-weather surfaces are very

different and, although horses sometimes adapt to both, mostly they display a preference. This could prove crucial in the Nelson Handicap (2.30) at Lingfield today.

Going For Broke won readily by four lengths at Southwell six days ago for the in-form Patrick Haslam. Having shown respectable orm on firm going last summer, there is a

Espresso showed a distinct dislike for Wolverhampton last time after winning a competitive nursery in taking style at Lingfield ten days earlier. She showed plenty of pace and forged clear in the straight to win by four lengths. A winner over Pontefract's stiff mile in October, she should relish today's extra two furlongs and can regain the winning habit.

Unlike many of today's runners, the Charles Cyzer-trained Sally Slade is a relative newcomer to all-weather racing. She was noted finishing strongly when second behind Master Of Passion here 25 days ago, and should benefit chance he will be equally effective at the faster from today's extra furlong in the Repulse Surrey track and defy a 5lb penalty, but I would Handicap (3.30).

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When Poland took on Sweden in the junior European championships, the Polish declarer demonstrated a proper understanding of one of the more complex areas of the game, namely that of the theory of restricted choice.

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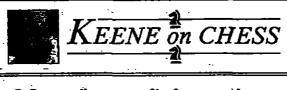
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At this point it seems that the declarer has a straight guess in diamonds, but Chmurski got it right when he That meant three down.
The 1996-97 Premier League was won by Gus Calder-wood's team (Dick Shek, Neil hopped up with the king to make his contract. I think that Rosen, Andrew McIntosh, he made the right theoretical Phil King, Les Steel) with 127 VPs, just 12 ahead of John play. West has found an awkward opening lead from Kxx in hearts (as the defence Armstrong, Graham Kirby, Robert Sheehan, Brian Senior, have not tried to take a ruff, Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick. the suit must be 3-3). He might The second division was won have started with a diamond had he held the queen, but he by Michelle Brunner, John was unlikely to lead a dia. Holland, John Hassett, Bill was unlikely to lead a dia-Hirst, Dave Banks and Mike mond away from the ace. So. the lead of a heart was more Pomircy. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on likely to be from a hand containing the ace of dia- bridge Monday to Friday in

section on Saturday.

#### By Philip Howard

White to play. This position is from the game Fette -Meszaros, Hungary, 1989. White has an ideal attacking position with rooks and queen on the open files, while his bishop occupies an excellent diagonal. How did he make SONUTION ON page 42 In left) Aug 96 EVATEPEN PARTIS TVI 3rd is literating at from Landing Land the most of these trumps?



21 g3 22 Nc4 23 Nxe5 By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT 24 K12 Hastings tie The international tournament in Hastings, the United Kingdom's premier chess event, ended in a tie for first place between the grandmasters John Nunn, Eduard Rozen-

talis and Mark Hebden. This 32 Kg5 is probably a career-best performance for Hebden 12 Kg1 at the care formance for Hebden. With 35 Ki6 one round to go, it appeared that Hebden might take the first prize outright, but he stumbled at the finishing post in his game with Rozentalis and allowed his two rivals to catch up. White: Eduard Rozentalis

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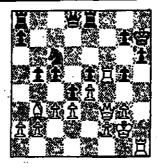
Kd6 ස් Ket5 Black resigns Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in

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ARRHANG MOVE

#### By Raymond Keene



### LINGFIELD PARK

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2.30 Double Espresso 3.00 ZAMALEK (nap)

3.30 Scissor Ridge The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 NOPALEA. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 NOTHING DOING (nap).

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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#### Ascot betting

Ask Tom, trained by Tom Tate, was yesterday made 3-1 favourite by the sponsor for the Victor Chandler Chase on Saturday. He is followed by 4-1 Viking Flagship, Storm Alert, 5-1 Big Matt, 7-1 others.



### Spanish inquisition turns full force on British mentors

the pain in Spain falls mainly on Brits in exile.

Bobby Robson and John Toshack, the managers of Barcelona and Deportivo La Coruña, respectively, met at the Nou Camp on Saturday and, though Robson's side won with a late deflected goal, they were both pilloried as a malign influence on the Spanish game, indeed Spanish culture, by the influential

"Ronaldo, Renaldo and Rivaldo, and Figo. Guardiola. Sergi, Amunike. Djukic ... did not produce a single gram of football, "El Pais, the Barce-lona daily, said. "Seen as an aim of science, that result, doubtless unachievable by bio chemists of the Pasteur Institute, was faithfully achieved by two farmhands from the British Museum.

In the very week when the English FA is restructuring its coaching emphasis. from schoolboy to senior level, our representatives abroad are condemned as being pollut-ants on Spanish football and on the Brazilians, Africans and East Europeans therein. The outpouring followed the match in Coruna, where not even an apparently inspired substitution, the introduction of Juan Pizzi, the Argentina international, to claim Barce-lona's winning goal, could spare Robson the definite end of his Spanish honeymoon.

Doubtless even more hurtful to this 64-year-old enthusiast were the alleged criticisms by Ronaldo, the Brazilian he took from Holland to Barcelona. Ronaldo, having grown from a youth into something of a god in his four months under Robson's wing, apparently stated that he finds it difficult to play under Robson's coaching style. How very sad, for it seems barely five minutes ago that there seemed to exist a special harmony, the respect of pupil to teacher, between the 20-year-old Brazilian and the fatherly Englishman.

Robson should worry. When the Catalan media turns its face against the coach of ROB HUGHES



Overseas View

Barcelona, there is a complete cessation of rules and respect for human feeling. Much worse than that in England. where Robson's hair seemed to turn white overnight while being castigated as the nat-

ional team manager.
Pizzi's goal, in the 87th minute on Saturday, was a deflection, and a wicked one at that, but by then Barcelona had deserved to be comfortably ahead in a barren, ugly game. One wonders how critical young Ronaldo would have been had his two superb shots not struck the goalposts, or had another shot from him not

been saved on the goalline. Ronaldo, worn by constant demands of club and country on a still growing physique, had scored 17 times in his first dozen games for Barcelona; now, in a "drought" that has spanned five games, the world's highest paid footballer is turning on his mentor.

Sad, but Toshack, whose first defeat of the season this was, feels more wretched still. "I will not continue at Deportivo, whatever happens," he said amid the rancour of Saturday, "With or without titles. I will not stay." Toshack, criticised because his methods are so ultradefensive, is seen as failing his inheritance from the popular previous coach, Arsenio Iglesias. The supporters have always looked down on my work," Toshack said.

That work, which has seen nine goals conceded in 18 league games, somtimes has edges of brutal pragmatism. There was a moment on the touchline on Saturday when two Coruna players tackled, if that is the word, Sergi, the Barcelona defender. One took his legs from behind, the other put a knee where it hurts most.

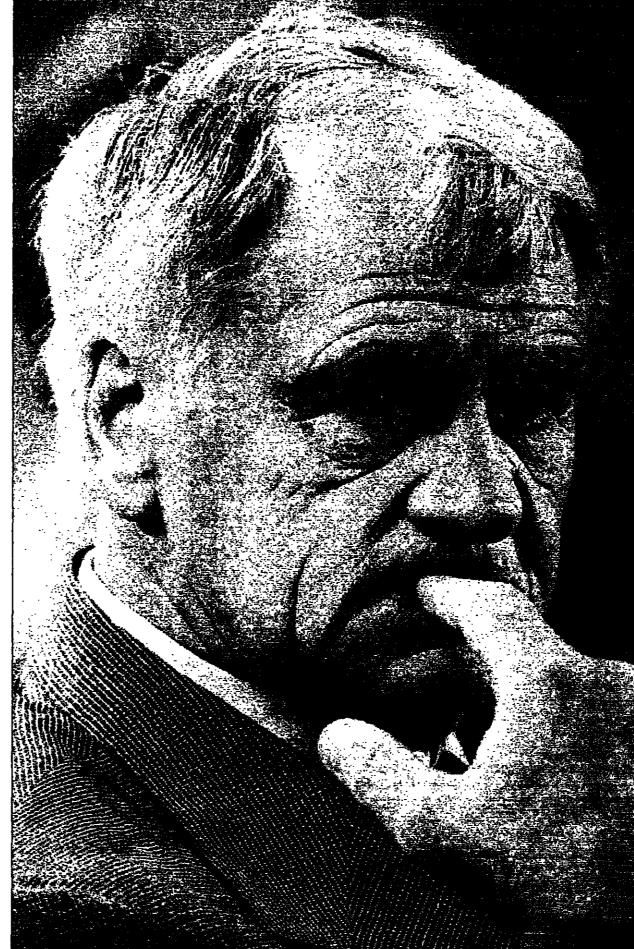
Toshack, almost a veteran of the Spanish game after two periods managing Real Sociedad and one at Real Madrid, is blamed for the inuggery of players. Robson. is chastised for something else.

His protégé, Ronaldo, had characteristically burst into the penalty area, past two flailing tackles, the second of which caught his heel, but he stayed on his feet and the ball ran away from him. The television cameras turned to Robson. He looked furious; he esticulated a diving motion.

"Hey! But you are English," the headline in As, the sports daily, read yesterday. How could it be, the writer asked, that a Brazilian should practise the purest fair play, and an Englishman should demand of him the opposite?

The English abroad: at least one of them, Roy Hodgson, had a Sunday celebration when his team. Internazionale, beat AS Roma 3-1 in Serie A of the Italian league. An acrobatic goal from Youri Djorkaeff, Inter's France international, brought a standing ovation at the San Siro. Meanwhile, AC Milan were sinking

Arrigo Sacchi, the manager in his first month after his predecessor was dismissed, has lost the European Champions' League decider, has been beaten twice in the league and had pre-empted the 3-0 surrender against Lazio on Sunday by questioning the spirit and skill of his team. With such faith from their coach, not even the induce ment of £35,000 per man to finish runners-up seems to inspire the Milanese.



As well as enduring scathing comments from the Spanish press, Robson been criticised by Ronaldo, his leading player

### Souness pitches back into battle | Bolton keen to sign Warhurst

BY DAVID MADDOCK

ampton manager, has already experienced one unseemly exit from a cup competition this year on a less than perfect surface. Now his side faces the prospect of another.

Stockport County were at pains yesterday to emphasise that their Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final. against Southampton this evening. will go ahead despite the continuing cold weather, which yesterday claimed the other quarter-final scheduled for tonight, between [pswich Town and Leicester City.

That tie has been rearranged for

January 21. but Stockport are confident of beating the freeze at their Edgeley Park ground. "We have had a slight thaw and, if the conditions don't get worse, the game will go ahead," Gary Glendenning, the club secretary, said.

After Southampton's 3-1 third-

GRAEME SOUNESS, the South- round FA Cup exit away to Reading on Saturday, when they had two players sent off, Souness was understandably keen yesterday to look forward, rather than back.

"I have told the players that the pitch at Stockport will be even worse," Souness said. "Reading is now a thing of the past and we have a great chance to get to the semifinals. If I was the Stockport manager. I would be telling my players that Southampton don't fancy this match one little bit: but he would be wrong."

Souness, who considered Reading's pitch at Elm Park unplayable. faces a Football Association inquiry over his comments regarding Graham Poll, the referee.

Even on a perfect playing surface. Southampton could have expected a searching examination from Stockport, who are lying fifth in the Nationwide League second division and have already disposed of two FA Carling Premiership sides -Blackburn Rovers and West Ham United — this season.

Brendan Elwood, the Stockport chairman, believes that Souness will face another difficult evening. I think he might be red-faced again. but with embarrassment, not anger." he said. "We feel very confident for this tie and I think we will give Southampton a run for their money. There is not a team that we fear after our exploits this season."

Elwood is hoping for a victory that will put his club into a lucrative semi-final. "Obviously, at this level, a decent cup run is a real bonus financially," he said. "We can earn more from a cup run than we can through the gates all season. It helps to secure the future of the club,"

By DAVID MADDOCK

PAUL WARHURST will this morning tell Bolton Wanderers if join them on loan. Warhurst, the Blackburn Rovers forward, has had offers from Bolton, the Nationwide first division leaders, and Manchester City, and today must decide between the two.

Warhurst, an England B international, is likely to join Bolton because they are interested in making the one-month loan period a more permanent affair. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, will first want evidence to suggest that the player has completely recovered from a series of severe injuries.

If Warhurst performs well over the month, then Bolton will meet Blackburn's asking price of £1.5 million.

A flu epidemic has swept through Burnden Park and Bolton could be without John McGinlay, Nathan Blake, Gerry Taggart and David almost four months on short-term lee for the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-contracts. final home tie against Wimbledon tomorrow. They all missed training

Frank Clark, the Manchester City manager, looks likely to bring in his first new players this week, when he returns to Nottingham Forest, his former club, for Des Lyttle and Tommy Wright, the

reserve team goalkeeper. Clark has agreed to swap Nigel Clough for the pair and the move could be completed at the end of the

Ray Wilkins has returned to England to team up with Millwall, of the second division, on a onemonth playing contract just a day after leaving Hibernian. Wilkins, 40. left Easter Road by mutual consent in the wake of the 2-1 defeat by Rangers on Saturday after

The BBC has picked the game between Chelsea and Liverpool at Stamford Bridge for its live FA Cup fourth-round action. Liverpool, the heaten finalists last year, travel to London aiming for swift revenge for their New Year's Day league defeat at the hands of Rund Gullit's men, and the tie has been moved to January 26, kicking off at 4.10pm. Sky TV, which showed the 1-1 draw between Charlton Athletic and Newcastle United at The Valley on Sunday, will stick with the winners

Sunderland will complete the £250,000 signing of Jan Eriksson. the Sweden international defender. today subject to him passing a

of that tie for the fourth round

home game against Nottingham

SKIING

### **Sparkling** Sykora powers to third win

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THOMAS SYKORA, of Austria, continued his domination of the slalom with his third World Cup victory of the season in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, yesterday.

Sykora produced an excel-lent second run, despite almost crashing out several times, to register a winning aggregate time of lmin 41.93sec. He has now won three of the four slaloms this winter and finished second in

Sebastien Amiez, the World Cup slalom title-holder, was second in Imin 42.29sec, his best result of the season. Thomas Stangassinger, of Austria, the 1994 Olympic champion, led after the first descent but fell back to third with an aggregate time of lmin 42.34sec, while Alberto Tomba, the world champion, finished eighth.

Primoz Peterka, 17, became

the first Slovenian to clinch the coveted four hills title when he finished third in the final event in Bischofshofen, Austria

Peterka earned 971.5pts from the four jumps to finish clear of Andreas Goldberger, of Austria, who was second with 943.2, 0.1pt ahead of Dieter Thoma, of Germany. Thoma won the Bischofshofen leg with jumps of 124.5 and 126 metres. Peterka leads the World Cup table with 632 points, ahead of Thoma (540) and Goldberger (514).

**SQUASH** 

#### Willstrop flies flag for Britain

IAMES WILLSTROP, of Yorkshire, was the only Briton to win a title in the Commercial Union British junior open championship, when he beat Yasser El Halaby, of Egypt, 9.4, 9.2, 9.1, in the under-14 final in Sheffield yesterday

(Colin McQuillan writes). The girls under-16 championship went to Spain when Elisabet Sado defeated Leong Siu Lynn, of Malaysia, 9-5, 9-2, 9-4 in 29 minutes and the girls' under-14 championship went to Malaysia when the diminutive Nicol David beat Omneya Kawi, of Egypt, 9-1, 10-8, 9-3 in 25 minutes.

Willstrop's lone survival from six British semi-finalists was a disappointment after the way that England won the world junior team title last

Already standing more than 6ft, Willstrop, 13, from Pontefract, has long promised at least a bright junior career and this first triumph on the international scene was achieved with enough skill and understanding to suggest that he will make a mark at senior level.

Willstrop, however, needed all his disciplined straight driving and careful volleying to contain the dynamic challenge of El Halaby, a much smaller opponent.

#### FOR THE RECORD

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (1FL) Play-offs: American Conference: New England 29 Pirsburgh 3 National Conference: Carcina 26 Datas 17

BASKETBALL

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#### BOWLS

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**CRESTA RUN** ST MORITZ: Nino Bibble Cup: 1 P Berchold (Satz) 2min 12.52sec. 2 A Ionecco (Sp) 2.12.80, 3 M Pisch (Satz) 2.13.01

#### CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHEELD final day of four Adeleide. New South Weles 415 and 173-3 doc (3-1) Dayresh 67 net out. South Adeleide, New South Weles 415 and 183-0 S Leftmann 97, B Young 91 not out 9-15 Salvy 5-69. Perfit: Natura 32 and 325 for A Vampur 38, D M Janes 75; Western Augustia 456 and 121-5. 75), whereit includes and and 12 or a SUPERSPORT SERIES final day of four Durbert. Natal 222 and 349-7 ond Free Safa 160 and 312-9 to Janoban 81. B Dispensar 93.P.J.L. Rudey S8 not out. Port Elizabeth, declarin Province 401-2 declared 228-8 dec 214 finals 79.H.D. Advances 102.

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DARTS

PURPLEET, Essec Red Band world chambonship. Final: P. Taylor. (Erg) bit D. Prosary (Erg. 6.3). Prosary (Erg. 6.3). PRIMILEY GREEN: Embassy world champonship. Final round. P. Scholler (Erg. 6.4). Ming (Erg. 6.4). P. Santri (Erg. 6.4). July 2011. P. Santri (Erg. 6.4 **FOOTBALL** 

GOLF

sutting world championship: Play-off for third place: H Sussals (Japan) bt S Torrance (SB) 2 and 1 Final: G Norman (Aus) bt S Hoct: (US) 1 hole. ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 5
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Chicago 5 October 5 New Jersey 3,
Chicago 5 October 5 New Jersey 3,
SUPERLEAGUE: Bracknet 2 Norsinchem
9 Manchester 2 Ayr 1 Norsicastle 2 Caudiff
6 Sheffield 5 Basingstoke 4
PREMIER LEAGUE: Guidende 3 Tellego
Mechany 5 Purgston 7 Peterborrugh 3
South 6 Sobrial 1 Swindon 9
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Blacktom 6 Fde 15, Murray-feld 6 Castloreagn 4,
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PARIS: Dalus Agados-Dakar Rally: Load-ers offer two stages: 1. J.L. Scrienser (Fr. Bugg): the terms 29 sec. 2. 8 Saby (Fr. Mithodol): at 48cec. 3. F. Shunduka

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7:30 unless stated

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Auto Windscreens Shield

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Southern section Brentford > Barnet (7-45)

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Nationwide League

Chester v Rochdale

Third division

Second round

Northern section

Coca-Cola Cup

(Japan, Mitsubishi) at Imm (23ec; 4, J-P Fortleroy (Fr. Mitsubishi) at 1 12, 5, H Missubish at 5 32, 6, T de Lavergne (Fr. Nissan) at 1856. NORDIC SKIING SCHONACH, Germany: World Cup: Com-bined: 1, S Lajunen (Fin) 236 Spbs (sla jumping) 38min 34 Saec (158m cross country) 2, M Stecher (Austral) 249 5, 40 57 0, 3 J Marchia (Fin) 249 5, 41 07.6, 4, 7 Lodwick, (US) 243 5, 4104, 1; 5, K Ogwara (Japan) 240,0, 40 49 5; 6, V Schyarov (Russ) 239 5, 40,57 2, World Cup positions: 1 Lajunen 415pts, equal 2

positions: 1 Lauren 415pts, equal 2 Section and Manilia 400; 4, H Skard (Nor 308 **RUGBY FIVES** CLIFTON COLLEGE: West of England

schools championship: Singles First round: A Mossical (Shortomo) w o B Silvestin (Omer a Hossical) ser, C Smith (Bedlerd) bi W Rudge (Tonbridge) 11-6, 11-7; O

Robinson (Tembridge) bit E Thomas (St. Paul's) 11-0, 11-3; M Amolt (Tembridge) bit F. Grav (Bradfeld) 11-6, 11-9; D Tebenner (St. Paul's) w J Keyes (Chner's Hospital) ecr. C. McCabo (St. Paul's) bit C. Steeman (Tembridge) 11-3, 11-3; J Vigus (St. Dunstan's) bit G. Hanse-Willenson (Christ's Hospital) 11-0, 11-0; T. Allandyca (St. Dunstan's) w o N Budd (Neprchant Teylora') sor. S. Ryder-Smith (Christ's Hospital) bit J Morshell (LCS) 11-2, 11-0; B. Smiger (St. Paul's) bit J Martin (Merchant Taylora') 9-0, ret. Second round: R Holland (Bradfeld) bit J Macone (Radfel) 11-7, 12-10; S. Ruffle (St. Martin (Bradfeld) bit J Macone (Radfel) 11-7, 12-10; S. Ruffle (St. Martin (Bradfeld) bit J Macone (Radfel) 11-7, 12-10; S. Ruffle (St. Martin (Bradfeld)) T Macome (Ractley) 11-7, 12-10; S Ruffle (St Dunstan's) by H Patel (UCS) 11-1, 11-0; C Duristan's) bit H Pater (UCS) 11-1, 11-0; Cr Green (Curdle) bit Messes 11-3, 11-8, Smith bit T Etherton (St. Paulis) 11-9, 11-8, 18-8, Roberts (Marchant Taylors) bit Roberson 0-11, 11-1, 11-7; Amott w o B Lovett (Christ's Hospetal scr, Taberner bit 1 van Berlin (St. Duristan's) 11-7, 11-6, S Beel (Eastbourne) bit McCabe 9-11, 11-4, 11-0; T Coffer (St. Paul's) bit Vigus 11-2, 11-3, Alegdyce bit R Smodley (Christ's Hospetal) 11-7, 11-6; M Tsarrg (St Paul's) bit Rydor Smith 11-2, 11-7; M Bate (Eastbourne) bit I Chotram (Mer-

#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES** Bell's Scottish League

First division East File v Partick Third division East Striking v Arbroath Tennenza Scottish Cup Second round Owed touto
Cowde touto
Ayr v Chyde ...
Fortar v Alica ...
Sterchousemur v Hamilton

DR MARTENS LEAGUE Premier di-vision: Alberstone - Nuneuton, Midland division: Bodworth v Pagel R ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Post-poned: Bromkry v Dagerham and Bodridge UNIBOND LEAGUE CUP: Third round. Erroy v Sporet/moor
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE First

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE First division: Corinthem v Lordswood; Favorsham v Cray, Foliostono Invicta v Furnesc; Ramsgate v Greenwich

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SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotslield v Caine. Les Philips Cup: First round: Paulton R v Bishop Sutton, Trieston v Torrington. NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Town v Nanawich: Sallord v St. Helens: Vaucholl GM v Tratford. Floodit Trophy: Second. round replays: Mesno Road v Kridsgrove UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Halichem v Peacchaven and Telscombe: Shoreham v Peacchaven and Telscombe: Shoreham v Peacchaven Count Colewood v Ringmer. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett Ablom v Huclarii. Cup: Third round: Rollong-ham Forest v Rollherhem; Manchester City v Leeds; Othram v Sunderland; Liverpool v Monchester United, Norwich v Wycombe

RUGBY UNION Tour match

OTHER SPORT DARTS: Embassy world championship (at Frankey Green) TABLE TENNIS: English Open (at heternia) chent Taylors 1.11-3, 11-0; T. Boundman (Ouncie) bt M. Roubottom (Chief's Hospital) 11-0, 11-0; P. Carce (Eastbourne) bt A. Bridgman (Christ's Hospital) 11-1, 11-0; W. Jefferson (Christ's Hospital) 11-1, 11-0; W. Jefferson (Christ's Hospital) 11-1, 11-1; Page 11-5, 11-4; Smith to Green 11-8, 11-6; Phoberts bt Amolt 11-1, 11-1; Beal bt Tablemer 11-3, 11-7; Collier to Marcylor 11-6, 11-0; Salimarsh bt Tsang 11-9, 11-0; Bean bt Bourdman 11-4, 11-0; Jeferson bt Carce 11-3, 11-2; Cuarter-finals: Holland bt Smith 11-0, 11-4; Beal th Roberts 11-8, 11-4; Salimarsh bt Collier 11-9, 11-7; Jefferson bt Bate 11-5, 11-6; Smith India bt Holland bt Beal 11-5, 11-6; Final; Holland bt Jefferson 11-8, 11-9; Doubles: Cuarter-finals: Si Paul's bt Marchant Taylors' 11-4, 11-5; Curdie ft St Churster's 9-17, 11-3, 11-6; Eastbourne bt Si Paul's bt 11-2, 11-8; Send-finals: Si Paul's bt Ouncide 11-0, 11-8; Eastbourne bt Si Paul's bt Ouncide 11-0, 11-8; Eastbourne bt Si Paul's bt Ouncide 11-0, 11-8; Si Paul's bt Eastbourne 11-5, 11-8, Paul's bt Eastbourne 11-5, Paul's bt Paul's bt Eastbourne 11-5, Paul's bt Pa

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CLIP SEVENS: Full draw: Pool A: England, Zimbabea, Canada, Pool B: Australia, Florania, Scotland, Pool C: New Zostand, Tonga, Iupan: Pool D: Fig. Hong Kong, Portugal, Pool E: France, Korea, United States, Pool F: Spain, Cook Islands, Morocco, Pool G: South Africa, Instand, Argentina. Pool H: Western Sernos, Wales, Namible. SKIING .

KRANLSKA GORA, Sloveniar World Cupr. Men's sisions: 1, T Sykora (Austral; 50.91sec. 51.02) Imin 41.93sec; 2, S Amiez (F) (51.20, 51.09) 1:42.29; 3, T Stangassinger (Austria) (50.87, 51.53) 1:42.34; 4, M Grospan (US) (52.01, 50.48) 1:24.95; 5, S Voghester (Austria) (51.74, 50.78) 1:42.50; 6, M Reiter (Austria) (51.21, 51.47) 1:42.68. World Cup- pusitioner: Staloner: 1, Sykora 300.htt; 2, Stangassinger 200.3, Amiez 178; 4, K A Ammoch (Nor) 147; 5, T Shanson (Nor) 148; 8, Voghester 126, Overalt 1, H Knaus (Austria) 461; 2, M von Grubensgen (Swotz) 447; 3, Sykora 382; 4, Aamoch 355; 5, L Alphand (F) 352; 6, S Locher (Switz) 307.

BISCHOFSHOFEN, Austria: World Cupt.
1. D. Trioma (Gar) (124.50m, 128)
250 40pts; 2. A. Malyaz (Ptd) (124.50, 121.00) 243.40; 3. P. Peterlo: (Slovenia)

943.1. World Cup positions: 1, Peteria 632; 2, Thoma 540; 3, Goldberger 514; 4, K Branden (Nor) 447; 5, T Okabe (Jepan) 441; 6, K Funeri (Japan) 411. SNOOKER

BIRIAINGHAM: Liverpool Victoria Cherity Challenga: Final: 5 Hendry (Scot) bt R O'Sulfven (Eng) 9-8.

SHSTFIELD: British junior open change-one/fight: Boys: Under-19: Semi-finals: A Faioy Egypt) bt K El Mistilians (Egypt) 9-7, 7-9, 9-5, 2-9, 9-3; A Stabena (Egypt) bt J Russell (38) 9-2, 3-8, 10-9, 9-5. Under-18: Semi-finals: S. Zemes (Deld) 1-8: Cornich 7-9, 9-5, 2-9, 9-3, 6-3 A Staberm (Egypet) 17-7, 9-6, 2-9, 9-3, 6-3, 18-3, 6-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3, 18-3

TABLE TENNIS STOCKTON-ON-TIEES: Four star open Men's singles: Final: A Cooks (Engl bt Y Morimoto (Japan) 21-17, 21-18.

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**VOLLEYBALL** 

DRAWS (home teams). Aston Villa Loods, Notingham Forest, Compby, Minvall, Ches-ter, Dunfermine, Motherwell Clydebank BEST DRAWS: Asion VIII. Notingham Forest, Girmsoy, Chister, Burthertine AWAYS: Sheffield United, Norwich Stock-part, Normarright, Couchaster HOMES Liverpoot, Middlesbrough, Shef-

held Wednesday Wimbledon Manchester
City Bournemouth, Chestanheld Wiczbarn,
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FIRED ODDS: Homes: Micideabrough
Shaffield Wednesday, Wimbledom, Wissi-ham, Fulliam Aways: Norwich Northambon, Colchester Draws, Alvon Vito,
Gimmitry, Chestor

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Sunday's late results MALIAN LEAGUE: Lago 3 40 MEss. 3 SPANISH LEAGUE Entertrating 2 After as Madrid 4 Real Matrid 1 Adhelo El bac 3. Hercules 1 Sporting Gum 1, Chiedo 2 Logistino 1 Español 6 SC Campolina S.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Anderser: Con-

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trough IRISH LEAGUE: Coon-Cola Floodiit Cup: MISH LEAGUE: Cook-Cole Plandit Cup: First round, first leg. Ornagh v Providerin First round, second log: Artic v Bangor, Clifforwile v Ostillory, Coleraine v Newry, Crussders v Larine Glenavon v Ballymena, Gentoran v Carrick, Unfield v 83/lyclare

Pontypridd v United States XV (at Cardiff Arms Park, 7.0) ...

125:00; 223:00; 242:00; 4, H Seite (Japan) 125:00; 129:00; 223:20; 4, H Seite (Japan) 118:00; 119:00; 223:20; 5, J Ahossen (Fin) 118:00; 123:00; 223:20; 6, J Sohinhare (Fin) 1121:00; 115:00); 223:20; Final four-fin 1221:00; 115:00); 223:20; Final four-final 1221:00; 115:00; 223:20; 7, Final 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123:00; 123

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Meri-Liverpool City 0 Leacts 3; Lewishers 3 Cro-tion 0; Esting 1 City of States 2; Whitefield 1 Tooling 3; Werwick 3 Wesser 1; Worter: Easts 3 Orphriston 1; Loughboroogh 0 Guildred 3.

GRENGES TO LENONS

Marie Sala 

Sept 15.

THE STREET

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# Symonds puts faith in appliance of science

Oliver Holt profiles the man in charge of restoring strict discipline at Benetton



their mechanics make a point of leering at the models whom the team parade around the paddock and drinking each other. under the table. Rock music blares from their garage. Flavio Briatore, their managing director, is a bon viveur with an all-year-round tanand a propensity for clowning around. The Benetton team and a sense of discipline, it might seem, go together like Michael Schumacher and a row of speed humps. Perversely, though, discipline was

always Benetion's strong suit in the championship years with Schu-macher; the quality that the other teams envied. It was there in the pit stops mainly, in the attention to detail, measuring to the inch where the car should stop, practising the drill over and over again in the car park at their factory in Enstone. In the dogged nature of their testing methods, too, they set the standard. Last season, when Schumacher left for Ferrari, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi, a couple of new boys, joined the class and, in their eagerness to help them to settle in, the teachers let the discipline slip. It showed even at the first race of the year, in Melbourne, when Alesi overshot his mark in the pits and knocked over one of his me-

When Ross Brawn, the technical director, and Rory Byrne, the chief designer, left at the end of the season, it could have led to even more disruption to the old routine. Instead, Briatore appointed Pat Symonds in Brawn's place. A chainsmoker, quiet and reflective he makes an odd kind of disciplinarian, but the team's old ways, he says. are the best ways.

chanics. Neither driver won a race

"Alesi and Berger had spent a long time at Ferrari before they came to us last year." Symonds said. "At the start they were very much into this Ferrari mentality of Let's do short runs in testing, let's put new tyres on, let's go quick', rather than fully understanding the disci-pline of the experimental techniques needed in testing

"It may seem a bit precocious, but we were two-times world champions and we had taken on two drivers who, even though they were of a high public standing, had not



Symonds is confident that Benetton can be a competitive Formula One team again this season, without making any drastic changes. Photograph: Marc Aspland

actually won many races between them. We are a very disciplined team and, in our will to please our new drivers, we lost some of our discipline. I am not implying criti-cism of the drivers. It is just that, when they were at Ferrari, they did things a different way.

"As a team, we grew up with Michael Schumacher: We found ways of doing things together that suited us. He was an extremely disciplined driver, a highly intelligent driver. When we tested, our tendency was to do long-distance testing to check and recheck.

"Last year there was a bit of a tendency to chop and change, to test something once over three laps and say That is better, and commit ourselves to it for the next race before we were really aware of all the implications of it.

"We have rules and procedures that we apply throughout the team and which have stood us in good stead over a number of years. I think we forgot a few of those procedures last year and we paid the price. Our aim now is to bring a bit of discipline back to the team. We have already put things back on an even

keel a bit and we need to build on

that, build on our relationship with

our drivers and try to get ourselves

back in a winning position." Symonds has been with the team since 1981, before they were even called Benetton, back in the Tolernan days. He was Schumacher's race engineer throughout the five years that he was there and by his side when he won his two world championships. Latterly, he

has also been in charge of research

and development, gradually being

moved into a position where he could take over from Brawn.

He does not see the need to introduce wholesale changes, preferring evolution to revolution, but he is an engineering man through and through, a technician and a scientist, the antithesis of someone like Briatore, whose gift is marketing and public relations. Symonds is driven by the desire to master the intricacies of his sport.

I want to impose a new kind of discipline on the team," Symonds said. "I am essentially a scientific engineer. My background is the

### **TOMORROW**

Why time is running out for Gerhard Berger to win a world championship

theoretical side of engineering, the mathematics, the experimental techniques. I want to impose the discipline associated with those techniques into our circuit experimentation. A circuit test is like any other scientific experiment. There is an object to doing it and conclusions that have to be drawn after you have done it, which includes an assessment of your errors and the tech-

niques you have used.~ If Alesi, in particular, can assimilate some of this iron discipline into his testing and his driving, marry it with his over-generous helpings of flair and emerge, at last, a more complete driver, perhaps Benetton have a chance of revisiting the glory days that they enjoyed with Schumacher such a short time ago.

"Last year was the worst year we have had for many years," Symonds

to say we want to do better than that because that is not really much of an objective; but I am optimistic we can return to our winning ways. "We have a much better under standing of our drivers now and,

said, "so it is an over-simplification

rather than produce a revolutionary new car, we have concentrated on the detail of some aspects we were not happy with. We have already moved a step forward and if we couple that with a more disciplined approach, we will have a successful season.'

Even Symonds's definition of though, has a puritanical success. ring to it. "I would class success as chasing the championship throughout the year," he said. "Whether we ultimately win it or not, if we are in there to the end. I would feel we had made major improvements.

IN BRIEF

#### Greyhound racing's last stand at Hackney

GREYHOUND racing at the London Stadium in Hackney. one of the sport's most famous venues, has ended after nearly 65 years. The stadium went into receivership in 1995 after £10 million had been spent on refurbishing the house, the receivers, is expecting to complete the sale of the site for housing development next month.

Frank Melville, the chief executive of the National Greyhound Racing Club, said that the closure was a terrible blow". Only about 35 stadiums in Great Britain now stage the sport.

#### Grange take title

Hockey: Grange, the Scottish National League champions, captured the senior title in the Los Reyes international club tournament in Barcelona yesterday. They finished with a 6-1 win over Pedralbes, from Spain, with Donald Mc-Farlane scoring a hat-trick. Reading, the overnight leaders and favourites, could come only third, despite a brave recovery which earned a 2-2 draw against El Cid, the Spanish under-21 squad.

#### Norman still top

Golf: Greg Norman has broken Nick Faldo's record for consecutive weeks as world No I in the Sony rankings after his victory over Scott Hoch in the Andersen Consulting world championship in Arizona on Sunday. Norman has spent the past 82 weeks at the top and is the only player to have been everpresent in the top ten since the rankings were introduced in

#### Reid's defence

Boxing: Robin Reid will face a knockout specialist in the first defence of his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title at the London Arena on February 8. Reid meets the unbeaten Giovanni Pretorius. of South Africa, who has 22 victories to his credit.

#### Rusedski beaten

Tennis: Greg Rusedski, the No 7 seed and British No 2, lost to Alex Radulescu, of Germany, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 in the first round of the New Zealand Open in Auckland yesterday.

JUDO

#### Report censures Atlanta build-up FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN CAPE TOWN

By JOHN GOODBODY

Britain's judo fighters for the Olympic Games in Atlanta last summer have been castigated in an official report published yesterday. The investigation describes the final weeks before the Games as "very badly organised.", states that Neil Adams, the chief coach, had "lost the respect of the vast majority of the team" and that the management structure in Atlanta was "ineffectual".

Adams's future role will be settled after a meeting with George Kerr, the British Judo Association (BJA) chairman. on January 25. However, it is expected that he will lose his dominant position when a



Adams: disillusioned

director of elite performance is appointed under new guidelines for funding by the National Lottery.

The report was commis-

sioned by the BJA in September after the failure to continue the consistent run of success at the previous six Olympic Games, in which Britain had won 15 medals. Although the BJA had forecast that five modals would be won in 1996, none were

The inquiry panel, consisting of Colin McIver, the 1984 Olympic coach, Kevin Hickey, the technical director of the British Olympic Association, and Adrian Moorhouse, the former Olympic swimming champion, interviewed ten of

THE preparations of Great the 13 team members, all of the coaching and support staff and personal coaches, and read 30 written contributions. Of the attitude at the

Games, the report said: There was a general failure of the senior staff to accept responsibility and there was liberal evidence of appalling misunderstandings or misconceptions. It added that no team meetings were held in Atlanta and "no attempt was made to raise the 'morale' or to bring the team together when it had become apparent that things were going badly".

Considering that it is an

official BJA report, the findings are embarrassing for Kerr himself, because he was the team manager in Atlanta. This is increased by the comment that several examples were given of "inappropriate public behaviour by officials and fighters.

The panel said that Adams lost the respect of the vast majority of the team through his narrow approach to tech-nique work, his disregard for the needs of the individual judo competitors and for input from the personal coaches. This was not helped by his fundamental shortfall in com-

munication awareness." Adams, the most successful male competitor in British judo history, said yesterday that he was "very choked and distillusioned" and described his position as being in

"What has come out since the Games is a shame," he said. "There is a lot of bitterness. It is horrible for me because judo is a sport I love."

He accepted that he had "lost contact with the competitors and team morale haddipped". He described the qualifying process before the Games as "horrific". Britain qualified 13 fighters in the 14 weight categories, more than any other country except Japan and France, who linished first and second, respectively, in the judo medals table.

#### CRICKET: ALL-ROUNDER PROPELS SOUTH AFRICA TO OVERWHELMING TRIUMPH

### India hooked by McMillan

NEWLANDS (final day of five): South Africa beat India by 282 runs

TO ALL intents and purposes, South Africa had made sure of victory in the second Test match by the end of the fifth over here yesterday. That was as long as it took them to get rid of Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin and, without anything from either of them. India were doomed. They lost eventually 40 min-utes into the afternoon.

Inside a formight, therefore, South Africa have settled this three-match series and avenged the defeat that they suf-fered in the reciprocal series in India before Christmas. Except when Tendulkar and Azharuddin were laying about them in such style on Saturday, India were badly outplayed and it will be an agreeable surprise if they fare a lot better in the last Test match, which starts in Johannesburg on Thursday next

Tendulkar's dismissal so soon yesterday morning was a great disappointment, not only for when it happened but also, for such a mature and marvellous player, for the manner of it.

Cronje started his bowling with Donald and McMillan, with McMillan signalling his intention of inviting Tendulkar to hook by posting two long legs for him. The first time he did so he put his considerable bulk behind the delivery and Tendulkar, who had yet to play himself in, was long legs for him. The first

running some way to his right at mid-on, took a skied catch out of the sun.

Eight balls later Donald had Azharuddin caught at third slip off a a shortish ball that left him. What followed was of purely academic

Ganguly played nicely for the best part of two hours before being caught at slip by McMillan off Pollock and Laxman for slightly longer before running out of partners. Whereupon McMillan was made man of the match.

Besides taking the most prized wicket yesterday, he had made 103 not out and 59 not out and held his 38th slip catch in 27 Test matches, a ratio that is well up with the Chappells, Walter Hammond and ian Botham and all the other most eminent slip-catchers apart from Bobby Simpson, whose 110 Test catches came in only 62 matches. Most of McMillan's have

come, unusually, at second slip, one of those betwixt and between places where some prefer to watch the bat and some to watch the ball. Mc-Millan, I gather, prefers to average of 43.9, going in almost always at six or seven, is also three clear points higher than anyone else to have played for South Africa since their readmission. The balance that he gives their side

is inestimably valuable. It is difficult to be sanguine about India's prospects, not only in Johannesburg but also in the Caribbean, where they go next. They came here with no time to adjust to what for the most part is quite a different game from the one that they play at home.

Although obviously gifted Raman, who is opening their innings at the moment, is finding the pace and bounce altogether baffling and it is asking an awful lot of Dravid and Ganguly to bat at three and four respectively. As was bound to happen.

harder to come by since starting their Test careers so propitiously in England last summer. Tendulkar came in at No 5

they have found runs infinitely

on Sunday evening and he must surely bat higher than that, especially as he said that he sees this as a learning tour

#### SCOREBOARD FROM CAPE TOWN

INDIA: First Innings 359 (S.R.Tendukar 169, M.Azhanuddin 115).

Second Innings

Yotal ......

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-26, 3-44, 4-59, 5-61, 6-87, 7-115, 8-121, 9-144 Man of the match: B M McMillan

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 529 for 7 dec (8 M McMillan 103 not out. G Kirsten 103, L Kursten 102 not out. D J Cultinan 77) B K V Prasad st Richardson b Adams 1 L Kurstener 102 not out. D J Cultinan 77) B K V Prasad st Richardson b Adams 1 Second Immings 256 for 6 dec (McMillan 59) not out, A C Hudson 55. Cultinan 55). B Extract Rio 1, w 2, rib 5) 8

BOWLING Donald 18-5-40-3; Poliock 12-2-29-2; Klusener 9-3-13-0, McMillan 11-4-16-1, Adams 16-2-4-45-3

strained side, but the more his young proteges can bat with him at the other end, the more quickly they will improve. Something is sure to rub off on them, besides the confidence that he transmits. The total attendance for this

for a side with an average age of only 25. Despite his wonder-

ful batting on Saturday, he is

in a good deal of pain with a

Test match, of 74,577, was a record for Newlands, partly because the old ground did not have the same capacity. This is more than Perth or Brisbane or Edgbaston or Headingley or Karachi (unless India happen to be playing there) normally get for a Test match. and more than England had here a year ago through their failure to make their match last beyond the third day.

Starved of proper Test cricket for so long, the South African public are now warming to a side that is winning a lot more matches than it loses. Cronje described it yesterday as "a world-class unit" and Tendulkar as "top side in the world". The latter view will be put to the test when Australia come here next month.

Things, though, are certainly getting back to what they were in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when South Africa won six of their last eight home Tests against Australia. The success that they enjoyed then first aroused the active interest of the Afrikaners; just as encouragingly, the nonwhite faces to be seen at Newlands these past few days were probably sufficient in themselves to make the difference between the old attendance record and the new one.

#### **RUGBY UNION**

### **Back makes case** for England call

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

skills do not match his footballing ability, Neil Back is likely to be among a 30-strong training party to be named by England tomorrow to prepare for the five nations championship. Back, the Leicester flanker who was suspended for the first ten weeks of this season, stated the strongest of cases for a recall during the Heineken Cup semi-final with Toulouse on Saturday, and England are sorely in need of a specialist on the open side. The England management

team spent the weekend putting the final touches to its senior squad and an A squad. from which will be drawn teams to play Scotland and Otago, both on January 31. The last time that a general squad was announced, in November before England's three pre-Christmas internationals, the open sides were Lawrence Dallaglio and Richard Hill, though Dallaglio is now playing blind side for Wasps and Hill missed the chance to impress Jack Rowell, the England coach, at the weekend when injury forced him out of the Saracens team that played Bath.

After the victory over Toulouse, Back aired his concerns about his apparent omission from England's plans. The last of his five caps came against Western Samoa during the 1995 World Cup, but his ball skills and vision for the game have never left him and, with his 28th birthday due next week, there is plenty of mileage left in his tank.

He has admitted that the game on Saturday was the first time this season that he has been fully fit, after straining both hamstrings during his comeback in November. "I'm playing for Leicester to get back into the England squad," he said after scoring one of his club's five tries. "It's a stepping stone to where I

want to be." Leicester, meanwhile, must

EVEN though his diplomatic prepare for the final against Brive on January 25 in Cardiff. Their success means the postponement of their sixth-round Pilkington Cup tie with Bath, but the fact that it is cup weekend in England and Wales will provide a genuine test of the Heineken Cup as an event in its own right. All the leading Welsh clubs will be involved in Swaler Cup ties and it will be instructive to see how many neutrals will swell the Arms Park crowd for a final involving teams from England and France.

The inaugural final, last year, at the same venue, drew 22,000 but, on that occasion. Cardiff themselves were involved against Toulouse. For-



Back: fully fit again

tunately, their Swalec Cup tie on January 25 is away, at Newport, but the principal of a neutral venue is well established in European football; now rugby must come to terms with the same issue.

Wales are likely to name today a new captain for the game against the United States in Cardiff on Saturday. Jonathan Humphreys, who has led the side since last season, was sent off playing for Cardiff against Brive on Sunday and may be persuaded not to appeal against his week's suspension. The Americans play their final warm-up game this evening, against Pontypridd at Cardiff Arms

### Nash tops the bill in one-day series victory

THE England Under-19 side established an unassailable lead in the one-day international series with Pakistan by completing a dramatic three-run victory in the second match, in Sialkot yester-

David Nash, of Middlesex, was the top scorer in the England innings with 49 in a total of 213 for five in 40 overs. That total was achieved with a four off the last ball of the innings by Gareth Batty, of

Pakistan were then dismissed for 210 the pace bowler, for the World Series Cup in the final over, with England taking the last five wickets for 11 runs. Hassan Raza was the architect of Pakistan's run chase, hitting a brilliant 90 before becoming the second of two victims for Alex Tudor, the Surrey pace bowler.

England now hold a 2-0 lead in the three-match series, with the final meeting in Karachi on Friday.

Australia were considering taking a gamble on the fitness of Glenn McGrath.

match against Pakistan in Hobart today. McGrath missed the defeat by West Indies on Sunday with an injured knee and was still far from 100 per

However, McGrath's availability was seen as vital to Australia's chances of victory after three consecutive defeats left them facing the distinct possibility of failing to qualify for the final played on a best-of-three basis.

By Oliver Holt

JACKSONVILLE Jaguars served notice that a new order had formed in the National Football League (NFL) on Saturday when they knocked Denver Broncos out of the play-offs. On Sunday, Carolina Panthers made it official. They beat Dallas Cowboys. the Super Bowl champions and lords of the ancien regime, in Charlotte to move to within two wins of the sport's biggest prize.

If the Jaguars overcome New England Patriots in Massachusetts next weekend and the Panthers manage to defeat both the weather and Green Bay Packers in nurthern Wisconsin, the Super Bowl in New Orleans on January 26 will be contested by two teams that did not even exist 17 months ago.

"We are the new kids on the block," Eric Davis, the Panthers corner back, said. "To get this far, we stopped San Francisco and now we beat The Man', the champion Dallas

The Panthers have, in fact, developed into a formidable team so rapidly that they were the clear favourites to oust the Cowbovs. who have won the Super Bowl for three out of the past four years but have tottered from crisis to crisis all season. Yet another scandal afflicted them last week and, on Sunday, the Panthers hunted them down.

The Cowboys' latest imbroglio involved more allegations against Michael Irvin, their wide receiver. who was suspended for five games at the start of the season on drugs charges. This time, a 23-year-old woman alleged that Irvin helped Erik Williams, a team-mate, to rape

Irvin, who injured a shoulder in the first quarter of the defeat against the Panthers and did not return. denies the charge, but the cumulative effect of the various controversies appeared to have ground down a team that has thrived on being cast as anti-heroes and has exhausted the affection of the nation in the process.

"When anyone, male, female, animal, child, anything or anybody, can make a claim against the Dallas Cowboys," Nate Newton, a lineman, said, "it has to have an effect. You can't prepare for a game like this with something like that going on. You can't focus. You are worrying about other things."

While they were worrying, the Panthers charged past them 26-17. courtesy of two touchdown passes from Kerry Collins, their quarter-back, and four field goals from John Kasay that took Carolina into the National Football Conference (NFC) championship game against the Packers next Sunday.

The Panthers have not lost at the Erickson Stadium all season and, even though they have to travel to face the Packers, they have the confidence of a team that hardly knows what defeat is. "It's a new order in the NFL," Kevin Greene, the Panthers linebacker, said, "and I'm tickled to death about it."

Dom Capers, the Panthers coach, who has been named the league's coach of the year, said that the victory established his team as a legitimate force. "If you want the chance to be 'The Man'," he said, "you got to beat 'The Man'."

The Panthers' achievement overshadowed the Patriots' rout of Pittsburgh Steelers, the losers in the Super Bowl last year. New England, who were embroiled in a minor scandal of their own at the start of the season when Bill Parcells, their coach, referred mockingly to an injured player as "she", waltzed past



Greene, right, celebrates with Matt Elliott after the defeat of Dallas. Photograph: Doug Mills

Inspired by Drew Bledsoe, their highly-rated quarterback, the Patriots, who last reached the Super Bowl in 1986, when they were thrashed 46-10 by Chicago Bears, were 21-0 up

early in the second quarter. Curtis Martin, who said that he had been so "hyped up" all week that his coaches had thought that he

would be too excited to concentrate on the game, ran for two touchdowns and Keith Byars, the receiver, caught a pass from Bledsoe and ran for another.

The Steelers, who lost only narrowly to the Cowboys in the final last season, seemed powerless to respond against a Patriots defence that has

The Steelers have got a sort of bully-type mentality," Byars said, "and with a bully you have to throw the punch. We did."

been far from impressive for most of

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: January 12: AFC: New England y Jacksonville (in Massachusetts); NFC: Green Bay v Carolina (in Green Bay).

### A trailblazer called BT

Through presenter Denys Blakeway's eyes, the principal lesson learnt from the privatisation of British Telecom in 1984 is that the state should not, and cannot, attempt to manage the great ventures of capitalism. Blakeway notes that popular capitalism, once the province of the Conservatives, has now been taken over by Labour. It does not take an economics whiz-kid to realise that, had it not been for the BT floration, other public utilities such as British Airways and more recently British Rail would not have followed down the same path. It seems inconceivable that BT privatisation, which became the centre-piece of Thatcherism, was not even mentioned in the Tory manifesto five years earlier.

In Company with Sondheim. Radio 2, 10.00pm.

As a composer-lyricist. Stephen Sondheim is a phenomenon of As a composer-lyricist. Stephen Sondheim is a phenomenon of yesterday, today and, unless his well of inspiration inexplicably dries up, tomorrow. He talks to British writers of musicals who, Engers crossed, should not be too far behind Sondheim when they all enter the 21st century. The composer George Stiles and his lyricist Anthony Drewe have done well with their version of Peter Pan. It won best musical award at the Musical of the Year competition last year in Denmark. When I Kill Peter Pan was voted best song. We hear it, and other songs, tonight. They impress Sondheim. Is it less majeste to say that they also impressed me?

Peter Davaile

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3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30
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D major) 7.00 Opera Guide 8.00
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SNOOKER: WORLD'S LEADING PLAYER AGAIN DISPLAYS HIS ABILITY TO PROSPER WHEN THE PRESSURE IS ON



Hendry savours victory

### Perfect finale earns Hendry maximum credit

**ICE HOCKEY** 

**Devils show** 

lessional career spans the eras of Joe and Steve Davis, described Stephen Hendry's 9-8 victory over Ronnie O'Sullivan in the final of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in Birmingham on Sunday as the greatest

match that he has ever witnessed. 'I've never seen anything like it." Williams, an objective 63-year-old former world billiards champion, not given to hyperbole, said. The whole thing was fantastic." It was impossible to disagree with one of the game's elder

Hendry won ten successive frames

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fighting back from 7-0 and 8-0 in arrears to edge Mike Hallett for the Benson and Hedges Masters title.

There are numerous other examples of Hendry's resilience when something special is required, but, to compile a 147 maximum in the deciding frame of a leading tournament is the ultimate proof of his unique ability to cope with

Hendry's unchallenged status as the game's most prolific breakbuilder was also strengthened by the perfect run. It was his fourth maximum in competition - no other player has constructed

in recovering from a 148 deficit to beat more than two. It was his eighth The maximum should not overshad-Jimmy White 18-14 in the final of the century of the tournament — two more ow the sustained quality of play on 1992 world championship, a year after than the total compiled by the 16 display throughout a contest that competitors in the event last year - the first maximum recorded in a final and the only one put together in a deciding

> Under any circumstances, the compilation of such a break is noteworthy. With his 61st title, a £30,000 first prize and a £100,000 donation for his charity, the National Playbus Association, at stake, it was a tremendous achievement. Yet, to pot 15 reds, 15 blacks and the colours after watching an 8-2 lead being eroded, defies the dynamics of momentum which often

influence snooker.

Hendry said was his most memorable in terms of standard.

In establishing his 8-2 lead, Hendry included runs of 110, 129, 97, 136, 82 and 51, while O'Sullivan, who had temporarily interrupted Hendry's early dominance with a 106, fuelled his recovery with breaks of 74, 137, 124, 91,

87 and 59. Neither should the way that Hendry obtained his victory cloud the overall significance of it. Having stood up to O'Sullivan's devastating late burst, he is entitled to approach the remainder of the season with supreme confidence.

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Musical Encounters.
Includes Shapiro (Nine-Minuse
Overture); Barber (Agnus
Dei); Bach (Canteia No 211);
Suk (Fairytale Suite); Marcello
(Concerto in D minor) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Monteverdi

1.00pm News, Guildhail String Ensemble, Mendelssohn Ensemble. Mendelssofth (String Symphony No 12 in G minor); Stravinsky (Concerto in C for string orchestra); Tchallovsky (Serenade in C

Tchelitovsky (Serenade in C for strings) (r)

2.30 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by by Tessa Uys. Mozart (Variations on Ah, Yous Diral-je, Marrant); Janacak (Sonata) (r)

3.15 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scotlish Symphony Orchestra under Yakuo Yusas. Mozart (Overture Dog Gioseopa)

under Yakuo Yuasa. Mozari (Overture Don Giovanni); Poulenc (Concerto for organ, string orchestra and timpani); Bruckner, ed Haas (Symphony No 4 in E flat) (r) 5.00 Music Machine (r) 5.15 In Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter, including Grainger (Green Bushes); Cole Porter (Brush up your Shakespeare);

ember Music from fast. The first of four pearant. The test of the frame 14, concert sans orchests 8.10 irish Stories. Writte and read by Anne Enright 8.30 Concert Part 2: hoven (Piano Sonata in B ist, Op 106, Hammerkia Russia Five Years On. Russia Five Years On.
Geoffrey Hosking profess
of Russian history at the
school of Slavonic and
Eastern European studies
masts people who have
travelled widely in Russia
since the colleges of the
Soviet Union, Jill Braitinea
wife of the former British
ambassandor to Russia his

ambassador to Russia, has been involved in developing the voluntary sector (2/5) 9.55 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth, Mozart (Flute Concerto in C. K313); Britten

(Sinfortia de Requiern) (r) 10.45 Niight Waves. Richard Coles discusses current views of the work of film director Howard Healts (The Big Sleep, Gentlemen Prefer Blandes) plus first night news of Martin McDonagh's The Cripple of Inishmaan directed by

Inistrman directed by Nicholas Hytner
11.30 Composer of the Week: Berastein 11.45 Jazz Notes, with Dave Getty. Excepts from the Stan Trace 70th birthday concart 1.00sm Through the Night, with David Comet

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to seven goals. His understanding with Ivan Matulik and Ken Hodge, his linemates, has given the Devils a first line of attack that is the envy of the rest of the league. Nottingham Panthers, the other form team, also won rwice, beating Manchester Storm 8-1 at home and Bracknell Bees 9-2 away, with Randall Weber scoring twice in each game. Weber has had limited ice time this season. but he showed that he is worth a regular place by scoring his first league goals of the season and contributing an assist in

cach game. The Panthers are now in fourth place, five points ahead of Ayr Scottish Eagles, who have gone eight games without a win. Manchester Storm recovered from the defeat in Nottingham to beat Ayr 2-1 on Sunday, but they are still bottom of the table.

Rick Brebant, the Newcastle Cobras coach, who announced his retirement as a player in November, has decided to play again. The Cobras have shown a lack of consistency. and he feels that his presence on the ice may help to keep the team focused throughout the

#### WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 30 GALIMATIAS

(c) Nonsense, gibberish confused and meaningless speech.

"And now, school, for our final speaker. Sir Peregrine is, as you all know from the panel discussion earlier, a consultant in educational management and one of the country's leading experts in the theory and practice of galimatias. Tonight his subject is The Parameters of Self-Assessment in Lifelong Education along its Vertical or Longitudinal Oimension'." WIZELSUCHT

(a) An emotional state characterised by futile and feeble attempts at humour. Too close for comfort, this one. If you ignore all schoolboy puns and feeble attempts at humour in the suggestions for Word Watching, you are usually left with the GALOOT

(c) Loutish, a clumsy oaf. Oaf comes from the same root as elf, and originally meant an elf-child or changeling — hence a simpleton or idiot. A galoot, however, is more clumsy than stupid. There is a sympathetic connotation to the word. It conveys the impression of a well-meaning but dim-witted show-off. With its customary epithet clumsy it becomes a tantology. ULLAGE

(b) The amount by which a liquid falls short of filling its container — whether because of evaporation, leakage or any other reason. SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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6.00 Skr O'Clock News
6.30 Mangham's Eye View: The
Creative Impulse. Six short
stories written by Somerset
Mangham, dramatised by
Neville Teller and nemeted by
Dirk Bogarde. The author Mrs
Forrester is horified when her
harbord may set with the Fascinating Aida's Date Faschraing Aida's Dillie
Keane escapes
10,30 Woman's Hour
11,30 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts
reports on developments in
understanding what happens
when sonabody has a stroke
12,00 News; You and Yours, with
Lesley Riccoch
12,25pm Cross Questioned.
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Vincent Henne gives the clues to Francis Wheen, David Quantick and Joe Melia in the crossword quiz 12,55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

2.00 News, 30-minute Theatre:
Only the Birds. A consety by
Sean Molfatt. A creating
Soorboard is only the start of
Baldwen's problems when the
experts are called in
2.30 Personal Records Jeremy
Nicholas visits the home of
Anthony Newley in search of
revelations in a record
collection
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, Daire
Brehan with guests, topical
discussion, and a group of

discussion, and a group of feachers who share thoughts on the degree to which they should act as "parents" in the dessenor. classroom 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.

Roisin McAuley on Gut Symmetries, the latest novel by Jeanette Winterson Plus a

iooks at what's on offer at the
British Psychological Society's
amusel conference (f)
8.30 in Living Colour. Trevo'
Philips returns with news.
debate and reflections from
black and Asian people in the
UK and enound the world
9.00 in Touch, with Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope 9.50 Weather 9.30 Kalekkoscope 9.59 West 10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris 10.45 Book at Badtime: Scarlet and Black. F Wise (7/10) 11.00 Mediumway ick. Read by Greg 11.00 Mediumirave (r) 11.30 Parkes and Gard

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Glass (f) (7/10)
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# Dreams, illusions and sundry inventions

I f anybody doubts the strength of loyal feeling arracted by Daphine du Maurier's novel Rebecta (TIV) they must remem-Woman's Flour allowed Harries Water to say Manda lay instead of Manderley in their daily ser ialisation. Every time site said "Mandalay" you see people threw bricks at their radios.

"Both promingiations are perfectly acceptable," said the produc er, airily, but she was wrong. Rebecca fans are word perfect. and the story reaches into their. souls, which was why adapting the novel for television, Arthur Hopcraft must have felt sometimes his wrists tied together with elastic. The effort of changing the immortal Thars not the northern lights, that's Manderley to Thar's not dawn, it's Manderley in last night's climax must have left him foetal and winded on the floor. I'm

but on the other hand, you have to admire his pluck.

Fin arraid I disagree with my colleage Maidiew Bond about Diana Rigg's May Danyers — it seemed to me she was insincere. and her hair was awful five can slug this out privately when the oc-casion arises). But the other acting was good, and on the whole, the story cartainly held up to the relelling, even if a Max de Winter for the 1990s is patently a contradiction in terms. Any man who says I'm asking you to marry me, you little fool" rightly gets a punch in the eye these days; any girl with an ounce of spark responds to the high-handed I'm being rather a brute to you, aren't ??" with a full, icotnoted analysis of the sexual politics contained in the remark. What I missed most from this.

incidentally fit's like having Rhett sense of a dream Rebecco is a dis-Butler say Frankly, Scarlett, turbing story, and its devices are that's perfectly all right with me.), turbing story, and its devices are classic, even mythic - the surging sea with its hidden secrets; the large house; the heroine a trusting wait the witch with her chin forever resting on the waif's shoulder, overpowering her with the fulf, paralysing force of disapproval. Alfred Hitchcock's old. swimmy black and white version, most of it filmed indoors, had exactly the right paramoid feel; by contrast, the blue seas and bright gardens in

the TTV Rebecco were annoyingly

sharp and wide-awake. (And the

music was yukky.)

the big event of last night, for me, was the return of Local me, was the return of Local Heroes (BBC2), the larky series in which cycling boffin Adam Hart-Davis delivers potted histories of forgotten scientific pioneers. Much as one tries to resist the appeal of cycling boffins still not sure why he did it, dramatisation however was the in a general way. Hart-Davis's

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

large-voiced and brown-legged enthusiasm makes undeniably interesting telly, and if anybody is looking for a book to write along the lines of Dava Sobel's Longitude (an improbably popular little volume chronicling the life and struggles of an 18th-century clockmaker). Hart-Davis effortlessly produces half a dozen candidates in every episode.

Last night he cycled his pink

bike to Fordington, near Dorches-ter. Here, in 1829, the vicar Henry Moule invented the earth closet and jolly clever it was too. Moule had discovered that earth, heatdried, would soak up smells and break down ordure, unlike water. which simply displaces it. Eagerly (but still curiously strapped fast inside his cycling helmet). Hart-Davis replicated Moule's design, on the site of the old vicarage, using a bucket, a hopper, some simulated human waste and potting compost from a bag. "John Innes No 2 would seem appropri-ate," he said gleefully — which is a warning, incidentally, not to watch Local Heroes for the sophistication

of the comedy.

Hart-Davis also last night demonstrated Brunel's "atmospheric railway" and Thomas Savery's 1702 "miner's friend" - the first steam engine. The salvation of Local Heroes is that, however gimmicky the presentation, the simple genius of the science is never overshadowed. It's amazing what you can do with soup tins. boiling kettles and pram wheels if you follow the right historical example.

lice Beer from Watchdog A turned up with her own show last night - the much-trailed Face Value (BBCI). billed to investigate the truth of the beauty and fashion industries. Oh tell us. Alice! Fashion magazines are in the pay of the advertisers, and there is no one we can trust! Down these mean streets a girl in a very short skirt must go, who is not herself mean!

But skin-deep it was. And dammit, it was much too thin as well. In half an hour, items flashed past on miracle wrinkle cream, male plastic surgery, clothes insurance, journalistic corruption, and how to dab vodka on your spots. Some of these pieces were of a suitably fancy-that nature, but a paltry five minutes on the major story of journalistic compromise was clearinadequate. I personally was shocked to learn that when fashion shots give a make-up credit, it's an advertising arrangement, and simply isn't true. What a little fool I've been. I ought to be in Rebecca.

The Brittas Empire (BBC1) was back, and on usual form. Meanwhile ITV has purchased Nash Bridges, a Don Johnson detective vehicle (produced by Don Johnson) in which, unsurprisingly, Don Johnson looks handsome and outwits everybody. It started promisingly: in a life-threatening rooftop situation. Bridges pronounced on the inelegance of "Eight items or less", much to the confusion of the assembled thugs. But I was wrong to get excited. Bridges isn't really interested in making grammar sexy to an ITV audience. After that it was car chases and shoot-outs, when it wasn't kissing.

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6.00em BUSINESS SREAKFAST (29552) # 200 BREAKFAST NEWS (24910)

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\$20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8173587) 9.45 KILROY (1207939) 10.36 CANT COOK, WON'T COOK (69910) 11.00 NEWS (1) and weather (6593901) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45.SMILLE'S PEOPLE (6450858) 11.45 SMILLE'S PEOPLE (6450830)
12.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (7181910)
12.85 pm INCOGNITIO (8329194)
12.30 CALL MY BLUFF (4062649) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27640216) 12.55 The weather (34397) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44140910) 1.30 NEIGHBOURS (T) (74059007) 2.05 THE FLYING DOCTORS (8084620)

2.45 WEARTT WELL (R) (7257571) 3.60 PUT IT TO THE TEST Carol Vorderman

POSTITION THE TEST Cards vorcement presents a new series of scientific, psychological and entertaining experiments (7620)

3.30 PLAYDAYS (3067668) 3.50 Casper Classics (2845587) 3.55 Hutoiabb (6349878) 4.10 Prince of Atlantis (1943484) 4.35 The Mask (7059281) 5.00 Newsround (1) (9888295) 5.10 The Biz. (1054262)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (776874) 6.00 NEWS (I) and weather (129) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (281) 7.00 HOLIDAY Jill Dando samples a Glub

Med holiday in Sicily, actor Martin Clunes
visits San Francisco, while Montly Don
checks into a health farm in
Leicestershire (1) (2129) Leicestershire (T) (2129)
7.30 EASTENDERS Alan attempts to woo
what makes it clear she isn't

Frankie, who makes it clear she isn't interested (f) (465)

8.00 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL New series going behind the scenes of Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool. The staff treet a primer box with a true solitate in treat a young boy with a huge splinter in-his ear; another child is taken into hospital after swallowing an air freshener.

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9.00 NEWS (I) and weather (6736)
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9.30 HARRY ENFIELD AND CHUMS The popular lunnyman, returns for a new series (I) (19228). WALES: Sports-Personiality of the Year 10.30 Harry Enfield 11.00 PLM: Highlander II 12.25am FILM Tarzan the Ape Man 2.15

> 10.00 Fil.M: Highlander II (1991) starring Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery. Two immortals join forces to defeat a malevolent dictator who controls the earth, Directed by Russell Mulcahy. (2447267)

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11.25 Fil.M: Tarzen the Ape Men (1981)
starring Richard Harris and Bo Derek, A young woman searching Africa for her lost lather discovers the king of the jungle at the same time. Directed by John Derek (336216) -

1.15am WEATHER (5802717)

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Hotch Potch House (31588991) 2.00 Johnson and Friends (86698026) 2.10 The Champions (7) (7) (9652674) 3.00 News (6568397) 3.05 Darts: World Championship (11396823) 6.00 THE FRESH PRINCE OF BEL-AIR (1) 6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH (r) (T) (890216)

7.10 THE O ZONE SPECIAL The new releases of 1997 (160945) 7.30 SOUND ON FILM Film collaborations between composers and directors. One in a Million, features music by Django Bates, and Blight (1/3) (197)

8.00 HOME FRONT (1) (T) (6991) 8.30 FOOD AND DRIMK Jilly Goolden taste-tests flavoured coffees and American broadcaster Dylan Winter follows a wheat harvesting crew of 22 men across seven states and meets the women who cooks two not meals a day for them without serving them the same dish twice (T)



The late Geoff Hamilton (9.00pm)

GEOFF HAMILTON'S PARADISE GARDENS: A Leafy Highway First of stepart series presented by the popular gardener which was completed fust before his untimely death. Tonight, Geoff visits sectuded havens throughout Britain (1) (4378)

SKELETON COAST The explorer Benedict Alien sets off on the first leg of a solo trek elong the entire length of the Namib Desert coast of GROWN UPS First of a six-

part comedy about a group of friends who met at university (T) (59533) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT with Jeremy Paxman (1) (542736) 11.15 DARTS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

12.20m-1.45 FILM: Winter Light (1962, b/w) A pastor attempts to counsel one of his perishioners, but is forced into confrontparameters, but a vocativité controller ing doubts harboured about his faith — with terrible consequences, Starring ingrid Thulin, Gurinar Bjornstrand and Max von Sydow. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. In Swedish with English subtitles (6061595)

#### CHOICE Monarchy - The Nation Decides ITV 8.30pm

Trevor McDonald presides over what is claimed to be the biggest test of public opinion on the future of the monarchy. With Roger Cook, John Stapleton and Michele Newman at his elbow, McDonald canvasses the opinions of politicians, sports stars and other public figures among an audience of 3,000 at the National Exhibition Centre in Rimminsham Componence by heads of state Birmingham. Commonwealth heads of state contribute by satellite. The views of members of the public on aspects of the Royal Family will be revealed in 20 specially commissioned MORI polls. But the biggest question, whether the British people want the monarchy to continue, will be decided by viewers in a telephone poll. Although such a sample is neither scientific nor comprehensive, the result could be a useful gauge of popular opinion. It will be given in a follow-up programme at 10.40pm w-up programme at 10.40pm

Geoff Hamilton's Paradise Gardens BBC2, 9.00pm

When Geoff Hamilton died last August he had almost completed what, sadly, is his last television series. All that was missing was his voice on some linking passages. This is supplied by his twin brother. Tony. Hamilton's subject is the garden as a peaceful antidote to the stresses of everyday life. He particularly has in mind the pressures of the modern city, while pointing out that the idea of the garden as paradise goes back to the supposedly less hectic Middle Ages. Hamilton finds the perfect expression for his theme in Cardiff, where a leafy, tranquil inner-city garden is described by its creator, Felicity Norton, as "better than Valium". He also visits the havens of an elderly Oxfordshire couple and an Anglican friar. It is a friendly and accessible series.

#### The Skeleton Coast BBC2, 9.30pm

There cannot be many areas of the world that have not been opened up to the television cameras but Benedict Allen claims to have found one of them. The Namib Desert in southwest Africa, which gives its name to Namibia, stretches 1,000 miles between two great rivers. Allen's six-part series, for which he shot his own film, shows how he conquered it on foot with three camels for company. He is a personable guide, who faces his considerable challenge with the minimum of fuss and flourish After the antics of some television presenters this is a welcome change. Allen starts by giving us a taste of the terrain, a desolate and unforgiving coastline littered with shipwrecks, and offers a glimpse of the diamond industry which thrives to the south. All is set for an absorbing journey.

Grown Ups BBC2, 10.00pm

Paul Makin's comedy is about a group of friends who met at university and are now in their thirties. Supposedly adult, they still have a large streak of immaturity. This applies least to Mel (Penny Bunton) and Bob (Jason Watkins), who have managed to stay married even if their idea of a fun evening is a takeaway and a rented video. But Claire (Pippa Haywood) has to suffer the serial infidelities of her husband. Jim (James Simmons), for whom pretty women are there to be seduced, and if Murray (fony Gardner) is free of marital attachments this is because he is still under the thumb of Mum. To call Grown Ups a treatise on the angst of young middle-class professionals would be giving it a weight to which it does not aspire. But behind the jokes lurk pain and many uneasy home truths.

6.00am GMTV (1953113) 9.25 WIN. LOSE OR DRAW (2085378) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9951303) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (86216) 10.30 THIS MORNING (83511587) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7196842) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (4153945)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (4065736) 1.25 HOME AND AWAY (T) (80443736) 1.50 Afternoon Live New series with Bibi Baskin (74664939) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (23810649)

2.50 AFTERNOON LIVE (9525194) 3.20 NEWS (6662587) 3.30 POTAMUS PARK (7352629) 3.40

(3056552) 4.15 Hey Amold (1837823) 4.40 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2777692) 5.10 YAN CAN COOK: THE BEST OF

CHINA (8220378) 5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (846552) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (1) (T) (697649) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (286133) 7.00 EMMERDALE (T) (4397)

7.30 GREAT WESTERN WOMEN (533) 8.00 POLICE. CAMERA, ACTION More tootage of reckless driving (T) (6945)



MONARCHY — THE NATION DECIDES Trevor McDonald and Roger Cook host the biggest debate ever staged on television from Birmingham's National Exhibtion Centre, where 3,000 people have gathered to voice their views on the future of the monarchy (T) (12571)

10.00 NEWS and weather (59587) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (412674) 10.40 MONARCHY DEBATE RESULT (1) (930129)

11.10 HIGHLANDER A mysterious death at the Paris Opera leads MacLeod into an encounter with an unusual immortal (730007)

12.00 DAVID BOWIE - AN EARTHLING AT 50 Interviewed in New York, Bowie looks back on a career which has seen him adopt a variety of personae, from the androgynous glam-rock creation Ziggy Stardust to the Thin White Duke and then trontman of Tin Machine (742866) 1.50am DAVID BOWIE LIVE AT THE

PHOENIX FESTIVAL (1159040) 2.45 FILM: The Hunger (1983) Catherine Deneuve and David Bowie star as the last survivors of a bloodthirsty vampire race inhabiting contemporary Manhattan. Directed by Tony Scott (653175)

4.20 SOUND BITES (98685972) 4.30 THE TIME, THE PLACE (24934) 5.00 THE VILLAGE SHOW (93576)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE

(4065736) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8220378) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (286133) 7.30-8.00 HEART OF THE COUNTRY (533) 11.10 CENTRAL SPORTS SPECIAL (730007) 1.50am DAVID BOWIE AT THE PHOENIX

FESTIVAL (1159040) 2.45 Film: DAVID BOWIE IN...THE HUNGER (653175) 4.20 CENTRAL JOSFINDER '97 (1438224) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (5617392)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 WISH YOU WERE HERE? (4065736)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8220378) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE with Alison 7.30-8.00 WILD WEST COUNTRY (533)

#### MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 1.00-1.25 SHORTLAND STREET (76155295) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8220378) 6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (397) 6.30-7.00 SURPRISE CHEFS (649) 7.30-8.00 OUT OF TOWN (533)

11.10 PRISONER: CELL BLOCK H (730007) 1.50am DAVID BOWIE AT THE PHOENIX FESTIVAL (1159040) 5.00 FREESCREEN (93576)

#### ANGLIA As HTV West except:

12.19pm ANGLIA AIR WATCH (7279129) 12.55-1.25 CROSSWITS (4065736) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8220378) 6.25-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (286133) 7.30-8.00 OUT TO LUNCH WITH BRIAN

10.29 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (828858) 11.10 MIDWEEK KICK-OFF. Highlights of the

#### Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals (730007) SIC THE STATE OF

Starts: 6.00em SESAME STREET (12262) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (17620) 9.00 HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER (63736)

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12.30pm HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER

1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (27007) 1.30 PINK PANTHER (74046533) 1.55 Film: DEATH ON THE NILE (16574113)

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5.30 COUNTDOWN (246) 6.00 NEWYDDION (211378) 6.05 HENO (608755)

6.35 GAIR AM AUR (573620) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (718026) 7.25 DUDLEY (714262)

8.00 PACIO (4587) 8.30 NEWYDDION (9754)

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1.00 CRAWSHAW'S SKETCHING AND DRAWING COURSE (r) (27007)

1.30 GEORGE AND ROSEMARY (44133620) 1.40 FiLM: The Cobweb (1955) Set in a psychiatric clinic and starring Richard Widmark and Lauren Bacall Directed by

Vincente Minnelli (43203465) 4.00 FRANCES BISSELL'S WEST COUNTRY KITCHEN (2/6) (262) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (674)

5.00 RICKI LAKE (T) (9546842) 5.45 FOOD FILE (128668) 6.00 BABYLON 5 First of a two-part story (r)

6.50 FRESH POP (277194) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (1) (475736) 7.55 SAVE A LIFE (492736)



Dr Charlotte Wilson Jones (8.00pm)

8,00 THE FIGHT FOR HEARTS AND MINDS (2/2) Doctors on night duty at the Maudsley psychiatric hospital in south London are faced with suicide attempts manic outbursts and an 89-year-old, brought in by the police for causing a disturbance (4587)

8.30 BROOKSIDE Jack drops another bombshell on Terry (T) (9754)

9.00 THE REAL ER A visit to Cook County Hospital, Chicago, which provided the inspiration for the television drama ER, focuses on the trauma unit (r) (2216)

10.00 Fit.M: See Jame Run (1995) starring Joanne Kerns and John Shea. A woman suffering from amnesia is confronted by a handsome stranger who claims to be her long-lost husband. Directed by John Patterson (343991)

11.45 FILM: Mystery Train (1989) staming Masantoshi Nagase and Youki Kudoh. Off-beat black comedy, directed by Jim Jamusch. In Japanese with English subtitles (670620)

1.45am FiLM: Stranger Than Paradise (1984, b/w) starring John Lurie Having settled in America from Budapest, Willie is not thrilled when told his Hungarian cousin is coming to stay. Directed by Jim Jamusch (231156)

3 25 THE SHOOTING GALLERY Short films (53712514) 3.26 The Coriolis Effect (9054069) 4.05 Blacktop Afternoon (96662021) 4.15 Drive Baby Drive (55516086) 4.30 Court in the Car (70092589) 4.45 Headlong (95842886)

5.05 ALIEN NATIONS (r) (4657021) 5.35-6.00 BACKDATE (r) (1076141)

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SKY 2 7.00pm Hercises: The Legendary Journeys (8468303) 8.00 Xerra: Warrior Princess-(8379823) 9.00 Pacific Blue (8482587) 10.00 Models INC (8485674) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (7468910) 12.00 Ht Mix-Long Play (2508224) SKY NEWS

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12.00 Sports Unlimited (5/305991) 1.00pm NBA Baskethel (5/249859) 3.00 NRL ice Hockey (90121858) 5.00 Sports Classics (75/20007) 6.00 Sports Unlimited (6/400303) 7.00 Sports Centre (5/27/36) 7.20 NBs Baskethell (56/40133) 9.30-11.30 NHL ice Hockey (78/989179) EUROSPORT

7.50em Raily Raid (98587) 8.00 Sid-Jumping (18849) 9.00 Footbell (83455) 10.30 Raily Raid (13378) 11.00 Footbell (74197) 12.00 Triathion (83007) 1.00pm Mountamblile (74133) 1.30 Funaports (58571) 2.00 Footbell (93253) 4.00 Goill (88736) 5.00 Darts (93253) 4.00 Goill (88736) 5.00 Darts (93253) 4.00 Goill (88736) 5.00 Darts (93253) 4.00 Goill (82755) 9.30 Raily Raid (44736) 10.00 Flating (15649) 11.00 Equatitarism (15200) 12.00 -12.30em Raily Raid (61330) **GRANADA PLUS** 

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Teenage crime drama: New Jersey Drive (18.00pm, Movie Channel)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE Prom. 6.00em-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features and

Your Stars presented by Russell Grant From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. cludes recipes and ideas from Defa Smith From 12,00-3,00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health From: 3.00-6.00 Home and Garde Includes The Good Life Style Guide THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: The Ferge Story Paradice Los? (6920194) 5.00 Mummuss (1512939) 6.00 The World at War (1640567) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Nosteadamus — Prophet of Doom (8591277) 8.00 Close

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TLC/DISCOVERY

8.00am The Joy of Panning (3076345) 9.30 Grow Your Own (9163133) 10.00 Go Fishing (9756823) 10.30 Our House (3072123) 11.00 The Partied House (404390) 11.30 This Did House with Sleve and Norm (4051939) 12.00 Sweet Things, with Greg and Max (3383281) 12.30pm Greham Karr (1063769) 1.00 Today's Gournet (8469262) 1.30 Home Agan, with Bob Via (8318510) 2.00 Homeame (8263007) 2.30 Furniture on the Mend (2224900) 3.00 Two's Country (8295842) 3.30-4.00 This Old House, with Sleve and Norm (8725295)

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7.00am Going for Gold (7993484) 7.35 Neighbours (9331533) 8.00 Crossroads (7039620) 8.25 EastEnders (6026246) 9.00 The Bit (3078303) 9.30 Angels (5609484) 10.30 The Suffivans (3074567) 11.00 Juliet Braso (46467804) 12.00 Crossroads (3992939) 12.20pm Neighbours (9263787) 1.00 EastEnders (6760113) 1.35 The Lore Buts (5970946) 2.16 Chall and Cheess (4346262) 2.50 'Alio 'Alio (8224007) 3.30 The Bit (89252131 4.00 All Creatures Great (4346262) 2.80 'Alia 'Alia (8224007) 3.30 The Bit (6925213 4.00 Ali Crostures Great and Small (4036620) 8.00 EastEnders (2398823) 5.35 Croseroeds (3422623) 6.00 Alian About the House (5263267) 6.30 Pornidge (1482674) 7.05 Every Second Courts (1803755) 7.45 The Best of Top of the Pops (8205858) 8.30 Exacutive Stress (8294736) 9.00 The Bit (6413113) 8.35 FILUS Dirty Rotten Secondards (92752397) 11.40 Fipping Yerris (9841674) 12.20am FILM: Desert Miles (25378069) 1.50 Ripping Yerris (950934) 2.25 Shopping at hight (36497866)

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Monkeys (19026) 7.36 Tales from the Cryptheeper (98533) 8.00 Mighty Max (43265) 8.30 Hey Amold (93736) 9.00 Rugals (20888) 9.30 Rugals (28868) 10.00 Aeeth Reel Monsters (82620) 10.30 Doug (19652) 11.00 Rodor's Modern Life (74888) 11.30 The Alvennines of Pete and Pete (75887) 12.00 The Secret World of Alex Mack (42084) 12.30pm The Ren and Strings Show (3374) 1.00 The Fersis (18397) 1.30 Space Cases (32345) 2.00 Cloress Explains In All (2113) 2.30 Doug (9194) 3.00 Aeeth Rec Monsters (1820) 3.30 Sticker Accound (1839) 4.00 Bruno the kid (8674) 4.30 Rugrats (2858) 5.00 Sister (3465) 5.30 Sister Sester (3910) 6.00 Moesha (9133) 6.30-7.00 Are You Alraid of the Dark? (7303)

PARAMOUNT

7.80pm Family Ties (6129) 7.30 Banson (3587) 8.00 Emeriaimment Uk. (9649) 8.30 Hooperman (1484) 8.00 Bakarsiield PD (81194) 9.30 Tax (40910) 10.00 Wings (92543) 10.30 London Underground (10281) 11.00 Asylum (93939) 11.30 Frontine (68804) 12.00 Saturday Night Live (42048) 1.00am (Hooperman (84959) 1.30 Bekersheld PD (23330) 2.00 Enterlaimment Bekersleid PD (2332) 2.00 Enterlarment UK (38205) 2.30 Asytum (40040) 3.00 Tau (89507) 3.30-4.00 Wings (31382)

BRAVO 12.00 The Time Tunnel (2413300) 1.00pm Remington Steele (8009420) 2.00 Department S (9751378) 3.00 Space 1989 (4042281) 4.00 FE.Nt. Martin's Day (8293484) 6.00 Thunderbirds (6013264) 7.00 The Chemptons (8437129) 8.00 Alien Nation (8340649) 9.00 The Persuaders (8353113) 10.00-12.00 Fil.M: The Evil That Men Do (4041552)

UK LIVING 6.00am Kiroy (9281259) 6.50 Trivial Pursuri (16000674) 7.10 Turnabout (4926026) 7.40 The Young and the Restless (5644562) 8.30 Gourmal Iteland (9022533) 9.00 Gladrags

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5.00par Blockbusters (1649) 5.30 Through the Keyhole (6823) 6.00 A8 Clued Up (3736) 6.50 Catchphrase (1736) 7.00 The Pyremid Game (4113) 7.30 Hart to Hart (8157) 8.00 Only When I Laugh (9668) 8.00 The Father Dowing Mystenes (68910) 10.00 Say Lucky (6693) 71.100 Rising Damp (24823) 11.30 Duty Free (78858) 12.00 Lou Grant (11934) 1.00bar Father Dowing (5213) 2.00 Hart to Hart (4077) 3.00 Lou Grant (98243) 4.00 Al Together Now (34525) 4.30 The Black Staffon (36330)

The 24 hour music channel, includes news reviews, five concert todage, internews and the latest music video charts

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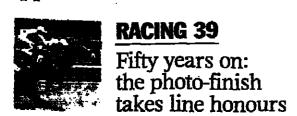
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CARTOON NETWORK/INT

Continuous certoons from 5em to 9pm, then TNT films as below. 7.00pm Moordleet (1955) (75548823) 9.00 Cruelter of Blood (1991) (2065649) 11.00 The Loved One (1965) (22617755) 1.05em Grand Central Mundar (1942) (37556330) 2.30-5.25 Cruelter of Blood

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Carla Bley and Steve Swallow (8532795) 7.30 Ana (6499571) 8.30 Gaselle from the Knov (9832194) 10.30 Maru Dibango (6203939) 11.30 Aria (4222262) 12.00-1.00am Three Voices (1250953)



AMERICAN FOOTBALL 42

New order takes hold in bid for Super Bowl



SRAHAM CHADWICK / ALLSPORT

TUESDAY JANUARY 7 1997

England seeking a new direction

# Wilkinson goes in search of technical merit

By Rob Huches, football correspondent

IF ENGLISH football is to regain and sustain a place of genuine respectability in the world game, Howard Wilkinson, appointed yesterday as the Football Association's technical director, will have to draw all sides of the sport and the industry together very Wilkinson defined his prior-

ity as "giving the best kids the best coaches, and giving them more time to work together." Splendid; the man has an academic as well as a playing and coaching background, and he is the last Englishman to guide a side, Leeds United in 1992, to this country's league championship. Now, moving on from the trauma of being sacked by Leeds carler this season, aged 53 and with a reported salary of £200,000 per year for four years, his task is on a par with that of Glenn Hoddle, the England national coach.

Hoddle joined most of the hierarchy of English football gathered in an almost complete circle of support for Wilkinson yesterday. There was Alex Ferguson and Dave Bassett, managers who have shared the combative arena with Wilkinson, and who paid testimony to his sheer professionalism.

There were the chief executives of the FA, the Football League, the Football League Managers' Association, the Premier League, and, vitally important, the Professional Footballers' Association. Missing was the presence of the English Schools Football Association. Its chief executive, Malcolm Berry, is recovering from a hip operation, hut unless the schools are fully on board, then this expansive move towards a coordinated future for the game will not succeed.

Wilkinson is, in essence, to

English football. He acknowledges that his primary task is to build a structure whereby those who have talent can be brought under the gifted influence of coaches who have themselves come up through an acceptable structure. The long ball, the dreaded Position of Maximum Opportunity, will hopefully be pensioned off, and Charles Hughes, the FA's director of coaching and education, will soon be invited to take early retirement, concluding his 33 years at the FA.

Pain in Spain Pitch battle .... Warhurst wonders.

Lilleshall School of Excellence but also built an aura of remoteness and suspicion.

Wilkinson's task is, however, wider still. The professional game has never known such an influx of cash, and somehow it must be directed to the coaching of youth. Wilkinson's task is to put in motion a system that stems the foreign tide, which now accounts for one in every three players in the FA Carling Premiership. More than that,



tion is taught.

"Put very simply, the brief is to produce more good coaches, to produce more good young players, and to get those players through the system more quickly," Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said yesterday. Simple? It is the Rubik's cube of sport, one with which cricket and rugby are struggling.
I recall sitting beside a

Strachan and McAllister. But where will the mentors,

the coaches taught by the coaching professor, come from? Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the PFA, gave an important input to the inauguration. His association has spent a six-figure sum sifting through methods deployed throughout the world - notably, in Germany, Italy and Holland — and found everywhere a clearly developed environment and structure giving emphasis on training the young. Taylor said his cant part to play in future coaching, "Recently, I watched our under-15s in a world competition," he said. They looked more than comfortable at that level ... so we have to look at training up to the age of 21. It must be more complete; young players should not get sucked up into the competitive treadmill when

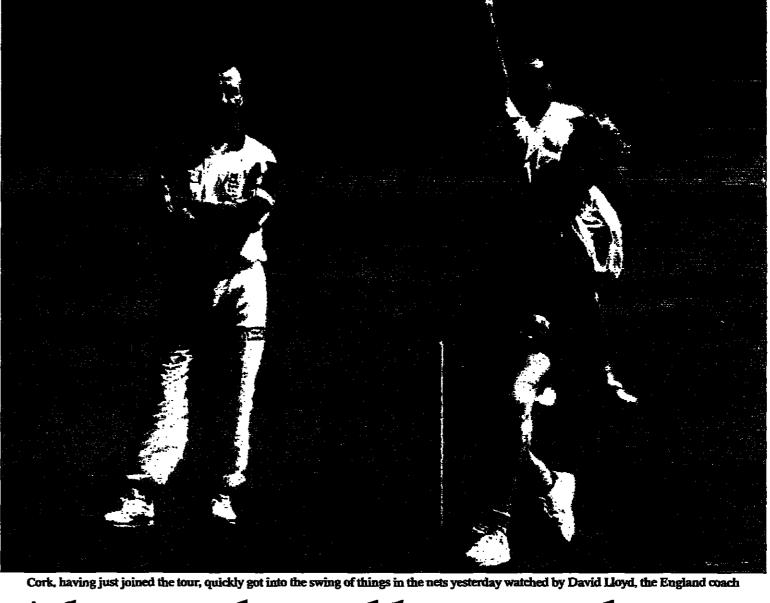
He turned to Wilkinson, promised complete and full cooneration, and concluded that this could be a monumental day in bringing together the eyed professional strata of the

he needs to be the catalyst for coaching right down to grassroots level. The style, and the results, achieved by Hoddle's England teams can be admired and even emulated, but someone has to spread the that has lost its natural play-ing fields and street orienta-

ngle bar electric fire in the office of Jimmy Sirrel, that parsimonious and clever Notts County manager, almost 20 years ago, "I want to introduce you," he said, "to the best coaching brain in this country. He called in How-ard Wilkinson, a young, tracksuit trainer, a man then of few words and quiet demeanour. Things have changed; Wilkinson has proved himself, through a variety of methods that did indeed encompass the long ball, but which also employed the talents of Cantona,

> breakfast. be seen as a turning-point. The welcoming press con-ference that followed, de-

> > ty could buy.



### Atherton cheered by sympathy vote

THE England cricketers were in remarkably good heart when they finally made it to Auckland yesterday morning after a tortuous 30-hour journey from Zimbabwe, of which "only" 14 hours were spent in the air. To dispel their jet lag in forthright manner, they headed straight to a local bar at 5.30 in the morning and then went merrily in to

There was laughter, champagne and good cheer. Of the supposed hostility towards outsiders, there was no trace. Clearly, these cricketers were elad to see the back of the dark continent and were hoping that high spirits would dispel the memory of two unhappy months as though it were just an ugly rumour. In weeks to come — who knows? — the early hours of this tour might

signed to herald the New Zealand summer of international cricket, also had a cleansing effect, though not in way that anybody had anticipated. A performance of numbing crassness by Michael Nicholson, of ITN, cast Michael Atherton in a more sympathetic light than a million pounds of the best publici-

When Michelle Lewis, the New Zealand cricket board's press officer, invited questions from the floor, Nicholson hit the England captain with what amounted to a flatulent state-of-the-nation address. The gist of it was: How dare you keep us waiting for your resignation, you disgraceful

In a generalised waffle, he referred to "national humiliation" and, it goes without saving, there was an invitation Atherton to "fall on his sword". He even had the temerity to rope in Terry "bring 'em home" Dicks, the Conservative MP whose ea-gerness to add to the public

debate is rarely matched by the quality of his rhetoric. Nicholson has a broader perspective than most reporters, so he should have known better than to use the phoney protection of national interest to stir up this kind of muck. If he had rigged up a noose and told Atherton "Here, stick your head in this", he could

not have been more explicit. Calmly considered, it was no more than contrived indignation in response to news-

paper stories (not all of them reliable, if one talks to people close to the England side). As a public performance, it was thoroughly distasteful, succeeding only in making fair-minded people feel sorry for Atherton at a time when he needs all the friends that he

can get. Nicholson made an ass of himself completely when Steve Rixon, the New Zealand coach, offered his view that the English media had treated "shabbily". "That's your opin-ion," Nicholson countered, unbidden. "I thought that's what I was being asked for," Rixon replied, to applause.

One England player rea-ched Auckland before the rest of the party. Dominic Cork has joined his colleagues for the rest of the winter, after missing the Zimbabwe trip in order to settle some domestic matters. On his own admission, he is fully fit again, after a summer of knee trouble, and

is keen to regain his Test place. Cork, the Derbyshire allrounder, has been keeping fit at home in Staffordshire, observing a programme drawn

Michael Henderson finds the England party in surprisingly consistently last summer and I was getting frustrated. I am upbeat mood on arrival in Auckland for the New Zealand tour learning not to get too frustrated, to become a bit calmer." up for all the players by Dean Cork spent a winter playing Riddle, England's New Zea-

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did, but I've not felt it a bit

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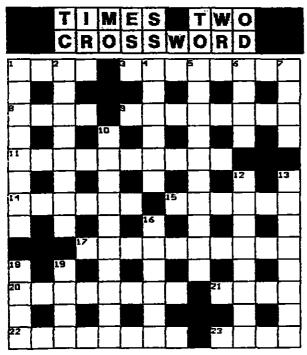
way back towards bowling well and swinging the ball

flare up the more bowling

recently.

dub cricket in New Zealand as land-born fitness adviser. "I a 19-year-old, when he shared a house in Christchurch with feel much fresher after a break," Cork said, "and I Darren Gough. Now he is looking forward to taking the new ball for England with his think the things Dean has asked me to do have helped. This is the longest break friend, hoping that they can bowl the team to better times from the game I have had in in the year ahead. England my career and I may have needed it, because there was a can only benefit from having a lot of cricket crammed into last fit Cork, with renewed pursummer, for England and pose, in their ranks. Derbyshire. I've been able to

Both players are included in an Invitation XI that plays in a efit match today ny Morrison, the Auckland fast bowler. Others involved in the day-night match include Allan Border, Aravinda de Silva, Merv Hughes and a great name from the recent past, Sir Richard Hadlee.



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Ashton and Bath opt for permanent separation

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Brian Ashton with Bath, English rugby union's champion club, ended yesterday with a joint statement so transparent as to be laughable were it not for the circumstances that have led to the rupture and the loss to Bath of such a

During the three weeks since Ashton, 50, went "on holiday", there have been a series of discussions in the hope of mending fences, but, clearly. Ashton has not perceived any fundamental change in the management of the club to allow him the role that he believes the chief coach should occupy. Andy Robinson, the former England flanker who is still a playing member of the club, will

replace him. Bath can hardly expect anyone to believe that Askton, who took over full-time only in July. "Icels he needs a fresh challenge". Ashton said: "It was the whole work environment I was unhappy with. The only thing I have been happy about is coaching the players, and watching them on Saturdays. There is a whole host of things I haven't been comfortable with since July 1. It's just

not the job I envisaged. "It's a matter of great regret.

THE seven-year association of I have had a fantastic time at the club. It has been a privilege to work with so many talented players."

When Jack Rowell left Bath

to become England manager in 1994. Ashton succeeded him as coach and, last season, the club won the double of league and cup, bringing to ten the titles won during Ashton's association with Bath. He has worked with John Hall, now director of rugby, as player and team manager, but the existing administrative structure clearly leaves room for improvement. "It is a great shame that matters couldn't be resolved," Hall said.

Robinson, capped by England as recently as 1995 and



still only 32, has already made clear his coaching ambitions by joining the England under-21 panel, but outsiders may wonder at the instant translation of players to positions of

authority inside the club. Murray Kidd, the Ireland coach, is facing dismissal after being summoned to a meeting with the Irish Rugby Football Union today. Ireland were beaten 37-29 by Italy at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, the latest in a run of poor results under Kidd, a New Zealander, who was appointed as the country's first fulltime coach 15 months ago.

Despite Kidd's insistence that his position was not under threat after six defeats in Ireland's past seven internationals, it would seem that time has run out for him. A statement from the IRFU said: The Irish Rugby Football Union has asked national coach Murray Kidd to attend a meeting tomorrow. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters relating to the performances and future preparation of the Irish

Yesterday Pat Whelan, the team manager and chairman of selectors, said: "I'd rather not comment on what is a delicate situation."

#### Henman's tough schedule

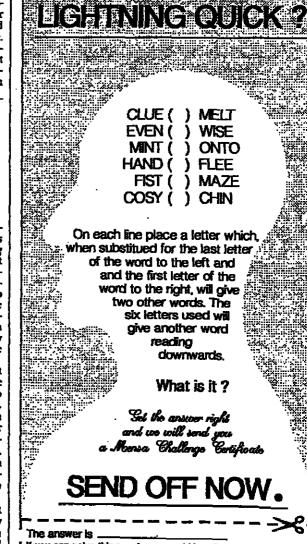
By Our Sports Staff

TIM HENMAN was struggling to overcome the effects of jet lag before his meeting with Renzo Furlan in the first round of the Sydney International tennis tournament today. Henman arrived to begin his preparations for the Australian Open after a difficult journey from Doha, just a few hours after his defeat by Jim Courier in the final of the Qatar Open. He had a 14-hour flight

from the Middle East before touching down in Sydney, To make matters worse. Henman was expected on court just a few hours after arrival because of the shortened tournament schedule. With the Australian Open starting on Monday, the International tournament has to be completed on Saturday.

That means that the first round must be completed by tomorrow, giving Henman just a few hours to rest and recover from jet lag. "It's a tough schedule, but it's the sort of thing you have to put up with when you get to a final," he said.

Henman will be cheered by the news that his appearance in the final in Qatar has lifted him by five places, to 24, in the latest world rankings, his highest position.



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